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THE PREFACE.

Courteous Reader,

AS the Design of writing and publishing to the World is, or ought to be, Instruction and Improvement, and as the Advantage or Profit of any Knowledge or Instruction is to be considered according to the Usefulness of it, so the more durable it is, that is, that it be such as will be of the longest Use to us and ours, the more it is to be valued; in both these respects the Knowledge of ourselves, our Frailty, and the Shortness of our Time, (of which too many are unmindful) will have the Preference, both with respect to the Usefulness of them, and their Continuance; for the due Consideration of these Things will be of Advantage to us both here and hereafter, and will re-

gulate us both with regard to our Duty to God, our own Souls, our Posterity, and our Neighbours; they will be of such real Service to us, that no Knowledge else (the Knowledge of God, and the Revelation of his Will excepted) can be of equal Benefit; and it was under this Consideration that the Psalmist crys out, Lord, make me to know mine End and the Measure of my Days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold thou hast made my Days as an Hand-breath, and mine Age is as nothing before thee: Verily every Man at his best State is altogether Vanity. Surely every Man walketh in a vain Shew: Surely they are disquieted in vain: He heapeth up Riches and knoweth not who shall gather them. *Psal. xxxix. 4, 5, 6.* For by duly considering the Shortness and Uncertainty of our Continuance here, we shall be led to improve and redeem the present Opportunity as a Favour from God; for it is an unquestionable Truth, and confirmed by daily Experience, *Heb. ix. 27.* That it is appointed unto Men once to die, and the Time when, or the Age whereat, we shall be removed hence, altogether uncertain; which occasioned the Man of God to say, Oh, that

that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter End. *Deut. xxxii. 29.*

The Psalmist had this in Remembrance when he recommended to our Consideration the concluding Moments of the Righteous; Mark the perfect Man, and behold the Upright, for the End of that Man is Peace, Psal. xxxvii. 37. The great and necessary Work, and one Thing absolutely and indispensably needful, that Mankind of all Ranks and Ages, ought to be chiefly concerned about, during this Short and uncertain Time the Lord affords to us in this World, wherein we are liable to many Temptations, Afflictions, and Tribulations, in the first Place to know God, and in the second, so to know our selves, and remember our latter End, that we may live careful, circumspect, and godly Lives, that we may have Peace of Mind in the Conclusion, and have the Spirit of God to bear Witness with our Spirits that we are the Lord's, knowing by living Experience, that Christ in us (by his divine Appearance) is the Hope of our Glory: For we find when Death approaches, that what is most desiræable, and of the greatest comfort, is

to be sensible of the Favour of God, and to be in the Enjoyment of that Peace which he gives to all those who have lived godly Lives, and walked in uprightness of Heart before him by that Ability given them of God, through the Gift of his Grace, which is inwardly revealed.

Therefore in good will to all, and in order that the Minds of all, to whose Hands these shall come, may be awakened and stirred up to diligence, whilst Health and Strength is afforded, to a due Remembrance of their latter End, that through that Grace which is given of God to all, and sufficient in all Things when duly regarded, and the Power of it waited for, Preparation may be made for that trying Time, and that the Call of Death may not be a Surprise upon any one of us, is the End wherefore the following Collection is made publick: In which the Aged, whose stay cannot be long here, will for their Encouragement, if faithful, find expressed by dying Lips the great Peace, Satisfaction and Comfort, those who were aged enjoyed at their Conclusion, who had walked before the Lord

Lord in Truth and with a perfect Heart,
 and by his Help had done that which was
 right in his Sight, and retained their In-
 tegrity through all the Trials and Difficul-
 ties of this Life to the End: And likewise
 those who are middle aged will see, by the
 Example of such who were called off in that
 Stage, the great Benefit and Advantage
 those received, and express'd, who finished
 their Course in the Strength of their Time,
 who were devoted in Heart to the Service
 of God, and had given up their Names to
 do his Will, and were faithful in answer-
 ing his Requirings: And those who are
 young, will see their Equals in Years were
 not exempt from the Stroke of Mortality,
 and by their Example may be provoked to
 diligence, who were concerned to seek the Way
 of the Lord early, and an Acquaintance
 with him in their young and tender Years,
 and had taken the Advice of Christ our
 Saviour, to seek first the Kingdom of God
 and his Righteousness, and had
 nothing to glory in but the Cross
 of Christ, and what is very affect-
 ing, the lively and sensible Ex-
 pressions of such whose Pilgrimage in this
 World ended when they were very young.

Mat. vi.

33.

Gal. vi.

14.

If we seriously consider whatsoever Station we may be in, as to this World, and though we may promise to our selves many Years, yet when the Time of Dissolution is at Hand, and the Gates of Death open before us, and we are ready to enter into an eternal and unchangeable Estate, (which may happen to the Youngest) when the Hopes of our being any longer here is taken away, we shall then see, that all we are possessed of in this World, how much soever it may be, can add no Comfort nor yield any Relief; then Peace with God and the Comforts of his Love, and an Inheritance in that Kingdom which fades not away, and to be received by the Lord into a Blessed Eternity with the Spirits of the Just made perfect in him, these will be the Things to be desired; these will be the Things to be sought after at such a Time as this: If thou therefore, whether Elder or Younger, reads over the following Testimonies with Attention, they may be of Use to awaken thee to a Consideration of thy Condition if not already awakened, so as to know thy self, thy frailty and misery without a Saviour; and if already awakened, the many lively and affecting Expressions herein contained, may be an Incitement to thee to pursue more fervently the Work of Salvation;

Salvation; and then as I received Benefit and Comfort in collecting them, so wilt thou in perusing them; and the End of my Labour in transcribing and publishing them will be fully answered.

But before I conclude this Preface, I would earnestly recommend, especially to the Youth of our Society of both Sexes, the serious Perusal of these following Sheets, and not of these only, but also of the other Volumes of the Dying Sayings of many of our worthy Ancients and pious Friends heretofore published; for what can be more affecting to tender Minds, or more prevalent with such who are religiously inclined, to stir them up to remember their latter End, and the Uncertainty of their Time, than the good Example, and lively Testimonies, Advice and Admonition, confirmed by Experience of such, of differing Ages and Stations, who through Obedience were filled with the Love of God, and Witnesses of his Favour and Goodness, when on their dying Beds, and ready to put off these earthly Houses and Tabernacles of Clay, who had an Assurance of a building of God, a House not made with Hands, eternal in the Heavens.

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But let it be strictly observed, that the Tendency of these Testimonies, and Advices, of Persons near their Departure, both of the Elder and Younger Sort, ever hath been, that all might be careful to live godly and Self-denying Lives, and might take up the Cross to their own Wills and natural Inclinations, and follow the Lord Jesus Christ in the narrow Way, which leads to Life,

Gal. vi. 14. and might wait for the Power

of his Cross in themselves, to crucify them to the World, and the World to them, that so the many Enticements and Allurements of this World, with the hurtful Vanities, Fashions, Customs and other Evils of it, might not prevail to divert the Mind from seeking after the true Knowledge of God and Christ, whom

John xvii. 3. to know is eternal Life, nor cause them to be forgetful of their latter End; the frequent Consideration whereof many times proves a Motive to a diligent Concern to be duely prepared for it; For we may find by the Testimonies of our worthy ancient Friends, how they were concerned both for their own Children and others, that they might be preserved from the

the Vanities and Corruptions of the World, and those foolish Fashions and Fopperies of Dress, which are so prevalent with too many of the Professors of Truth in our Time, as tho' a Conformity to the World in these Things were no Crime in them, though many of their Predecessors were called out of them, and suffered deeply for that Testimony. And in like Manner the Testimonies and Advices of the Youth to those who were their Equals in Age, were to refrain from these youthful Follies which would prevent them from making that due Preparation, which will administer Peace in the Conclusion, in which some of them had been ensnared by their Souls Enemy, and were raised up as Witnesses for God, to be a Warning to others.

It must be acknowledged by all who are duly considerate, that this Generation of Friends are highly favoured of God, in that they have the renewed Visitation of his own Spirit in themselves, and are brought up in the Belief of it, and have Line upon Line, and Precept upon Precept, to warn and invite them to give heed to it, and the Truths of the everlasting Gospel of Christ, frequently and freely preached

*preached in the Power and Demonstration
 of his own Spirit, and the best of Christian
 Advices often repeated in the Love and
 Fear of God, and the Prayers of the Righte-
 James v. 16. ous, which are said, to avail
 much with God, daily put up
 for their Salvation, and the Salvation of
 Mankind in general; let it therefore be
 solidly considered, that for all these, and ma-
 ny other Mercies of God, with which we
 are favoured, we must be accountable what
 Improvement is made, for the Lord is looking
 for Fruits; whether are we bringing forth
 Fruits of Gratitude and of a due Submission
 to his Will, who has thus visited and favoured
 us? For where wild Grapes are brought
 forth, it is highly displeasing to him and of-
 fensive in his Sight, who now as well
 as formerly (Isaiah chap. v.) has be-
 stowed much Labour on his Vineyard.
 Therefore let none say in their own carnal
 Reasonings, this is a small Thing, and
 there is little in the other; for he calls for
 the whole Heart, and the Denial of every
 Thing that is made manifest by the Light
 of Christ to be reproveable and displeasing to
 God. So that how small and trivial soever
 those Liberties which many take in De-*

portment,

portment, Speech and Dress, may appear to them, whilst they have Health and Strength, and the Appearance of a long Continuance in this World, we shall find by Examples in this, and the foregoing Volumes, that they were Matters of great Weight when the trying Time came, and no doubt will be so to all who are truly sensible of the Day of their Visitation, that they may improve it, and are under a Concern for the well Being of their never dying Souls: That these Things may be duely considered in Time, and that all may be prepared whensoever it may please the Lord to call us hence, is the Desire and Prayer of one who wisheth Health and Salvation to all Mankind.

JOHN BELL.

But let Patience have her perfect Work, that ye may be Perfect and Entire, wanting Nothing. *James i. 4.*

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PART VII.

JOHN WYNN, of *Bradford* in *Yorkshire*, was convinced of the blessed Truth at a Meeting of Friends in *Pall-Mall* near *Westminster*, about the Time of the Coming in of *King Charles II.* being then in the Army, and standing amongst the Rest in their Ranks to be viewed by some of the chief Officers, he laid down his Arms because he could practice War no more, and when discharged, he went down into *Yorkshire*, and work'd at his Trade there, being a Clothier; and as he continued faithful to the Visitation of Truth, he grew in Grace, and in the saving Knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord; and being subject to the divine Manifestation and Work of the Power of God in his Heart, he became a sanctified Vessel fitted for the great Master's Use, who in

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His Wisdom called him to the Work of
 the Ministry, in which he grew and la-
 boured faithfully in those Times of Per-
 secution, wherein he suffered deeply for
 his Testimony; he was a Man of Cou-
 rage, filled with a holy Zeal, and quali-
 fied, as a good Soldier in the Lamb's
 Warfare, for the Work in those peri-
 lous Times; his Bow abiding in Strength,
 and his Arrows being sharp and piercing,
 were carried home to the Mark, so that
 he fought manfully under the Banner of
 Christ, and turned not his Back in the
 Day of Battle. He was an able Minister
 of the everlasting Gospel, and laboured
 faithfully therein, and travelled much for
 the spreading of it in those trying Times
 in most Parts of *England* and *Wales*, and
 especially in the Eastern Parts; and his
 Service on that Account tended much to
 the strengthening and confirming the
 Children of God, and convincing of
 Gain-sayers; he retained his Integrity to
 the End, and the Strength of that holy
 Zeal kindled in his Heart for the blessed
 Truth, and the Promotion of its Cause,
 remain'd always with him. For a farther
 Account of his Labours, Service and Suf-
 ferings, the Reader is refer'd to diverse
 Testimonies

Testimonies concerning him, published in
 the Year 1715. ^{as was shew'd in the}
 Towards the latter Part of his Time,
 he travelled into the West Parts of York-
 shire to visit the Meetings of Friends
 there, having a Sense that his Days-work
 was nigh finished; he told Friends in
 divers Places, ~~he was come to take his~~
~~Leave of them~~ (altho' then in a good
 measure of Health) after his Return he
 signified his great Satisfaction and Easiness
 of Mind: About three Weeks after he
 had finished that Journey, going a few
 Miles to visit a neighbouring Friend
 who was sick, (a Servant that he was fre-
 quently conversed in) he came home not
 very well, and continued weakly about
 thirteen Days; and in the Time of his
 Weakness, the great Concern that was
 upon his Mind, was, that Friends might
 stand faithful unto the Lord God, ex-
 horting such thereof as came to visit him,
 and declared a little before his Departure,
 that he was clear and easy in his Spirit, and
 saw nothing to stand in his way, but wit-
 nessed the Peace of God to abide upon him,
 saying, he had laboured faithfully to clear
 himself of those evil works of a libertine and
 fleshly Spirit, as he then call'd it. And
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the Day that he died, a little before his Departure, as he was walking about the Room; a fainting Fit seized him, and he sat down and leaned back in his Chair, and seeing his Wife weeping over him, he looked upon her, and said, *why wilt thou, my Dear? The Lord gave thee unto me, and thou must give me up again:* And she answered and said, *I hope I shall, as far as the Lord enables me, for I hope it will be well with thee,* and he said, *I never doubt that,* which were the last Words he spoke, for the Lord was pleased to make his Passage easy out of this World, so that he gave neither Sigh nor Groan, but in a quiet Stillness, like one falling a-sleep, he departed this Life the sixteenth Day of the ninth Month 1699, in the sixty fourth Year of his Age, having been a true Labourer in the Work of the Ministry about thirty six Years; and now having, through the Grace of God, *fought the good Fight of Faith, and finished his Course,* we have no cause to question but that his Soul is at rest with the Lord, being entered into the Possession of that Crown of eternal Life that is laid up in store for all the Righteous, where he will live to praise and magnify the Lord
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God, and the Lamb who sits with him upon the Throne, for ever and ever more, World without End, *Amen.*

His Body was buried in Friends Burying-ground at *Bradford* aforesaid the 20th Day of the aforesaid Month, being accompanied to the Grave by many Friends and sober Neighbours, where divers living Testimonies were born to the Comfort of the upright in Heart, and particularly by that eminent Minister of Christ *William Ellis*, who had been effectually reached to by his Ministry in his young Years.

DEBORAH WYNN, Wife of the aforesaid *John Wynn*, had a sober and religious Education; and was favoured with the Visitation of Truth in her young Years, and by giving up to the Manifestation thereof, she came to experience the Work of its Power in her Heart, and by being obedient thereto, attained to a degree of Settlement in the Truth when young, which prepared her to undergo those Trials and Exercises which early began to fall to her Lot; for about the sixteenth Year of her Age, her

Father and Mother were both taken up and carried Prisoners to *York* for the Testimony of a good Conscience towards God; and she being their only Child, the Management of their Trade and Business fell under her Care, and during their Imprisonment she travelled to *York*, twenty two Miles, on Foot, once in two Weeks to visit them, and to carry them what Money she had got for their Support; and being a Maid sincere in Heart to God, and through his Grace faithful to the Truth, she grew in Experience, and about the eighteenth Year of her Age, she was concerned to bear a publick Testimony in Meetings to the Comfort and Edification of Friends; she was afterwards married to *John Wynn*, and they settled at *Bradford*, the Place of her Nativity, and being both Ministers, and the Meeting in its course held at their House, heavy Sufferings fell to their Share in the Time of the Informers, who stript them three several Times of all their outward Substance that was valuable; for such was the Cruelty of the Persecutors and Informers in those Days, that at one of the Times mentioned, she was lying in, in Child-bed, and they went to take the Bed from under her, but the neighbouring

bearing Women, abhorring the Inhumanity
 of such an Attempt, interrupted their
 Design, and would not suffer it; but they
 finding a Pewter Flaggon in the Room
 with Caudle in it, poured it out and
 took the Flaggon away with the rest of
 the Booty: Their Avarice being not yet
 satisfied, they met her Husband in the
 Street as they went away, who had been
 at a neighbouring Market, was driving
 his Horse before him, with the Goods
 on his Back, and his riding Coat upon the
 Pack, all which they seized and took a-
 way with the rest of the Plunder; so be-
 ing deprived of his Horse, Pack, and
 Coat, he came home and found his Shop
 strip'd of the Goods, and his House of
 the Furniture, that he had neither Chair
 nor Stool to sit down upon to rest him,
 until some of his kind Neighbours, whom
 he found there bemoaning this unchristi-
 an Usage, went and brought him in
 some one thing, and some another, for
 their present Use, until they could pro-
 cure Furniture of their own for their
 necessary Accommodation; and after-
 wards divers of the Inhabitants of the
 Town hearing of his Intention of buy-
 ing more Goods to carry on his Trade,

Came to him, and earnestly intreated him he would buy no more, for he might see they were resolved to ruine him, he told them *he was not at all discouraged, he had a little Money left, and intended to lay it out for Goods as far as it would go, and if they took them from him also, they could have no more than all, but he believed they would be limited in the Lord's Time, which came to pass accordingly.*

Through all which, with her dear Husband, she retain'd her Integrity, and stood faithful to Truth's Testimony, so that they were favoured of the Lord together to surmount all the Difficulties their great Sufferings brought upon them. She was a Woman of sound Judgment, great Sincerity and Circumspection in the Course of her Conduct, tender and living in her publick Ministry, and by her godly and courteous Conversation she gain'd the Love and Esteem of both Friends and others in the Town and Country where she lived; Her Heart and House were open to receive and entertain the Messengers of Christ, who were concern'd to go to and fro to promote Piety and Virtue, and publish the Gospel of
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glad Tidings to Mankind; and she delighted much in that Service. It was my Lot to marry her only Daughter, after which Time she chose to live with us to the End of her Days, which was upwards of seventeen Years, which tended much to our Satisfaction and mutual Comfort, she being acquainted with divers of the first Publishers of the Gospel of glad Tidings in these latter Days; her Conversation was very agreeable and informing: She was a loving and affectionate Mother, a faithful Friend, and endued with Wisdom to give counsel in Times of greatest Difficulty, having had large Experience of the Dealings of God, and the preserving Power of Jesus Christ our Lord; she retain'd her Zeal for Truth and Concern for its Promotion, and was diligent in attending Meetings as long as her Ability of Body continued to go abroad. She was confined to the House the last Year of her Time, growing weak by reason of old Age, and during that Time, she employed herself much in reading the holy Scriptures and Friends Writings, with many of whom in her Youth she had been acquainted; and continued in a sweet heavenly Frame of Mind,

Mind, often expressing in much Tenderness the loving Kindness and Goodness of God to her, frequently saying, *The Lord hath been my Support in all my Difficulties, and hath preserved me from Danger, and his Goodness is still continued, and I have great Cause to praise him and speak well of his Name;* this she would often repeat with many other weighty and lively Expressions, signifying how resigned she was to the Will of God, and desirous to be dissolved, being duly prepared for that great Change: About three Months before her Departure she was confined to her Chamber, but still continued in a sensible Frame of Mind, and waited patiently for her Removal, expecting its drawing nigh, although she had no Distemper upon her but Weakness through old Age: Her Daughter's Affection and Care was great over her both Night and Day, for fear she should drop off suddenly, (tho' a Nurse constantly attended her) whom when she saw weep, and under trouble at the Apprehension of parting with her, she would send for me, and would desire me to advise my Wife not to be troubled or concerned on her Account, for tho' she had no Distemper,
Pain

Pain or Sickness, she said, we must not expect she would always continue with us, but would have us give her up freely, she being prepared and ready to be received by Jesus Christ into eternal Felicity; I told her we were resigned to the Will of God, and thankful he had so prolonged her Days, and accounted it a great Blessing our being favoured with her Company to that Time; she added, Your Care over me, and your Concern for me, hath been too great in every respect, I think, and have been often thankful to the Lord, who hath been pleased to bless me with such loving affectionate Children; and have been afraid my dear Daughter would hurt her own Health by caring too much for me; the Lord that was the Stay of my Youth, and has been with me to old Age, is still near to comfort, and will be so to you when I am gone, and bless and preserve you to his own Honour and your Peace unto the End. With much more at divers Times too tedious to relate. She grew gradually weaker, yet sat up most Days, and could walk over the Room with a little help; in the Evenings, when Business was over, we went up and sat down by her, and had many comfortable Seasons together, for

for she continued in a sweet Frame of Mind, and very cheerful and sensible. On the fourteenth Day of the sixth Month 1727, being the second Day of the Week, my dear Wife and the Nurse took her up and dressed her about Ten in the Morning as usual, and she sitting in her Chair, they perceived she grew very weak, and sent for me; I went up and sat down by her, and taking her by the Hand, asked her how she was, she answered, *very weak Child*. I asked if she was sick or faint she said, *no*; I asked if she had any Pain, she said, *no*; I asked if she apprehended herself going, she said, *she could not tell, but she was weaker than ever she was before*. I bid her lean her Head upon my Breast, which she did, and was quiet for some Time as if she had been in a Dose, that we could scarce discern her Breath; and her Daughter sitting by weeping, she lifted up her Eyes and said, *Dear Child weep not for me*, and leaning her Head on my Breast again, near the middle of the Day she passed away so quietly, that we scarce knew when she drew her last Breath. She was about eighty two Years of Age, and a Minister about sixty four Years

Years, and I doubt not, is entered into that undisturbed and glorious Rest prepared for the sincere and upright hearted Followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

On the seventeenth Day of the aforesaid Month, her Body was carried from our Dwelling House in *Clement's Lane* to the Meeting-house in *Grace-Church-street*, where many Friends met on that Occasion, and divers living Testimonies were born to the Truth; and after a solemn Meeting, her Corpse was accompanied by a large Number of Friends to Friends Burying-ground near *Bun-hill-Fields*, and there decently interred.

DEBORAH BELL, Wife of *John Bell* of *Bromley* in *Middlesex*, late of *Grace-church-street* *London*, Daughter of the before-mentioned *John* and *Deborah Wynn*, was born at *Bradford* in *Yorkshire*, and being carefully Educated in the way of Truth by her pious and faithful Parents, she sought the Way of the Lord, and the Knowledge of his blessed Truth, when very young, and was mercifully

mercifully favoured to partake of that
 Virtue and divine goodness which maketh
 fruitful towards God, as she frequently
 expressed herself. In her Minority she
 often earnestly desired the Lord would be
 pleased to enable her to come up in doing
 his Will, and that in all things she might
 be perfectly resigned to answer his holy
 Inducements and Requirings, and be fully given
 up in Heart in all Sincrerity, and by his
 Grace devoted to serve and obey him,
 according to the Ability received; her in
 Mercy and loving Kindness heard her
 humble Petitions, and granted the early
 Visitations of his Love and Goodness, in
 the Pourings forth of his holy Spirit, and
 gradually, by the Work of his own divine
 Power, so prepared and sanctified her
 Heart, that she was made a Vessel of **H**
 honour; for as she became acquainted with
 his divine and living Word, when very
 young, she grew in Experience of that
 Work which is wrought by the Power of
 Christ, by which alone Salvation and per-
 fect Redemption is witnessed, and being an
 humble Follower of Jesus Christ our Lord,
 and through the Operation of his Grace
 freely resigned, and cheerfully giving up
 to follow these Manifestations of the di-
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vine Light and Workings of the Spirit, which are inwardly revealed, she was so fitted for her Master's Use and Service, as early to become a Branch in Christ Jesus, the true and living Vine, laden with Fruit to the Praise and Glory of God the good Husbandman; and being led thro' deep Travel, and close Exercise and Affliction of Mind, she thereby gained great Experience, and was made sensible of various States and Conditions, which tended to the qualifying her for that great and weighty Work whereunto she was afterwards called; for about the Nineteenth Year of her Age, the Lord saw meet in his Wisdom to commit a Dispensation of the everlasting Gospel to her to preach, in which Service, she being faithful, grew in the Knowledge of God, and had great Experience of his Dealings, and like the wise Scribe, who was well instructed to the Kingdom, Brought forth but *Mat. 13. 52.* of the good Treasury of her Heart, Things both new and old, so that she became an able Minister thereof, to the Comfort and Edification of the Churches where she came, and many, who were unacquainted with the Work of the blessed Truth in themselves, were reached

reached to by her powerful and lively
 Ministry, in the Service of which she
 often appeared strong when in bodily
 weakness (which frequently attended her)
 to the Admiration of those who had the
 Knowledge of her outward Infirmities.
 She laboured faithfully in Word and
 Doctrine, and visited many of the Meet-
 ings of Friends in most Parts of Eng-
 land, Wales, Scotland, and was twice in
 Ireland, and had good Service where
 she came, for she duly regarded the Mo-
 tions and Guidance of Truth in all her
 Services, and in an especial Manner,
 when under a Concern to travel on that
 Account, she earnestly desired to be fully
 satisfied of being rightly called, and to
 see her Way clearly opened, both as to the
 Time when, the Places where, and the
 People to whom it was her Duty to mi-
 nister, and was ever very careful to return
 when she found her Mind clear and easy;
 she would often say, (which I mention
 for the Instruction of others) That *there*
was great Danger in exceeding the Com-
mission by staying abroad beyond the right
Time. She greatly desired that all the
 Ministers of Christ, who found them-
 selves concerned to travel in the Service
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of the Gospel, might take due Care not to miss their Way on that Hand, neither might, when in their Travels, be drawn aside out of the right Line opened to them by the Truth, through the Persuasion of unwary inconsiderate People, but might wait for the Power of Christ our Lord to preserve them steady in Mind in all their Services for the Promotion of the blessed Truth, frequently repeating, that *she had observed divers whom she believed to have been rightly drawn forth, who yet through Weakness and Instability had miss'd their Way in those Particulars, and thereby received Hurt and lessened their Service.* When she was under a Concern to go abroad to visit the Churches, the Weight of that Exercise brought her very low, both in Body and Mind; for she waited diligently for the Counsel of God, and full Satisfaction in herself, before she made her Concern known to any; for her whole Dependance was in great Humility on Christ our Lord, to put her forth, and go before her, and to give her Strength and Wisdom, to discharge herself faithfully to her own Comfort and Peace, the Edification of the People, and his

Honour: But though she was strong in the Lord, and zealously concerned for the Cause of Truth, yet, by Nature, of a weakly Constitution, and through hard Travel, and close Exercise, which often was upon her for the Truth's sake, her bodily Infirmities encreased before old Age came on.

Towards the latter Part of her Time, being often infirm, she frequently rejoiced in the Lord, and expressed the great Comfort, Peace, and Satisfaction, which she had in having devoted her youthful Days to his Service, and being freely given up faithfully to obey his Calls and holy Requirings, whilst a degree of Health and Strength were granted, and she was able to undergo such Service, often saying, *An early Devotion was very acceptable to God, and the Strength of Youth could never be so well and profitably employed, as in faithfully serving the Lord in Humility and sincere Obedience in whatsoever Work he in his Wisdom may be pleased to qualify them for, and call them into; for wheresoever it happened that any such lived to be attended with the Infirmities of old Age, the Comfort and Peace they would enjoy*

enjoy, would be abundantly more to them than all the Comforts of this Life; for she could by living Experience say, That nothing in this World was worthy to be compared with it. And she often earnestly desired the Sense thereof might lay hold of our Youth, that they might give up their Minds to seek the Lord early, and devote the Strength of their Time to his Service, that in the End they might be made Partakers of the same Comfort and Peace, which was her greatest Joy and real Cause of Rejoicing, and became more and more so as she drew near her Conclusion: And this I publish for their Perusal, that if by any Means they might be prevailed on, and stirred up to consider how necessary and truly profitable it is to begin early in that great Duty recommended by the wise Man, Remember now thy Creator in the Days of thy Youth, while the evil Days come not, nor the Years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

She being under a Concern to visit a few Meetings in Hertfordshire, and as far as Huntingdon, tho' in a weak State of Health, she undertook that Journey,

which proved her last, towards the Middle of the seventh Month 1738; she was from Home ten Days, and had six Meetings, and altho' weak in Body, yet she appeared strong in her Ministry, and had good Service, much to the Satisfaction and Comfort of Friends where she came; and when she came Home, she rejoiced much and said, *She was humbly thankful to the Lord who had enabled her to perform that Journey, and had given her Strength to discharge herself faithfully of that Concern she was under, and that her Heart was filled with that Peace and Comfort which he is pleased to favour his obedient Servants with, and that she apprehended her Days-Work was nigh finished, for she saw no more Work her great Master had for her to do: and she had no Desire to live, but to serve and glorify him.* The last Time she was at the Evening-Meeting at Bromley, about two Weeks before she died, she bore a living Testimony to the Truth, and was concerned in Supplication to the Lord in a particular Manner, and in great Fervency prayed for the Preservation, Growth and Settlement of the Youth amongst us, in the living eternal Truth, to the affecting and tender-

tendering of many Hearts; when she came Home from the Meeting, she was filled with divine Comfort, and said, *It is now finished, I do not expect you will have me with you at that Meeting any more.* And afterwards her Weakness of Body increased, and she taking Cold, which seized her Lungs, and occasioned a Hoarseness, which she was often liable to; on the twenty second Day of the eighth Month, being the first Day of the Week, we went to *London* to Meeting, but being so much indisposed, she was under some Difficulty to stay the Time of it, and did not go in the Afternoon, but waited for me at a Friend's House until Meeting ended; and coming Home, she continued weakly, tho' a little better at Times till Fourth Day Evening, but she grew much worse again that Night, she therefore had the Advice of a Physician, but it had not the desired Effect; her Affliction increasing, on sixth Day Morning a *Pleurisy* came on, (which Distemper she had been liable to, more or less, for the last ten Years of her Time, having had divers severe Fits of it,) which much affected her Breathing; which tho' Means were

used to remove, she found no Relief, and the Pain grew more violent, so that her Affliction was great, and in an humble Submission she earnestly desired of the Lord, *that he would give her Strength to bear her Pain and Affliction patiently*; and her Petition was fully granted, for she was endued with Patience to an uncommon degree, and bore her Affliction with such a firm Resignation and Thankfulness of Heart, and with tender Love and Condescension to all about her, and abundance of Sweetness she still enjoy'd, as appear'd by many precious and lively Expressions which drop'd from her, which deeply affected, and often tendered the Hearts of all about her: When her Pain was very great, she expressed herself at Times after the following Manner; *This is hard Work indeed, one had need to have nothing else to do at such a Time as this; I am sure it is as much as I am able to endure to bear the Afflictions of the Body, one had not need to have Terror of Mind besides.* And appealing to a young Woman standing by her, whom she dearly loved, and who had duly attended her in her Illness, said, *Thou knowest I have had very little Respite from Pain since I was first taken ill; I*
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would have none put off that great Work of Repentance till such a Time as this ; if I had that Work to do, what a dreadful Thing it would be. At another Time, divers young People being present, she said, I would have our young People be willing to bear the Cross in their Youth, and despise the Shame, for that is the Way to have true Peace in themselves. And another Time she said, I now feel that which my Soul has longed for. And seeing divers young Women standing round her Bed, whose Growth and Settlement in the blessed Truth she had often been concerned for, she looked solidly upon them, and spake on this wise, I was early convinced that unless I was born again, I could not see the Kingdom of God, I have witnessed it, and you know I have preached this Doctrine to you, and you must know it for your selves. And this she spake with such Authority as pierced the Hearts of all present, and I believe will not easily be forgot: At another Time looking steadily upon us, with a composed Countenance said, I have always been sincere, and never had any Thing in view but the great Cause of God, and that I might be clear of the Blood

of all Men, and I have discharged my self faithfully, for whatsoever my Hand found to do, I did it with all my Might, and never spared my self, and I am fully clear and easy, and my Days-Work seems to be done. At another Time, observing the Distress I was in, she looked earnestly upon me, and said, *The Lord brought us together, and has been with us, and thou must give me freely up to him again, and he will support thee, and take Care of thee.* At another Time, I being in deep Distress of Mind, under the Consideration of my great Loss of so dear a Companion, if she should be removed, I asked her if she had not rather live with me a little longer, if Providence saw meet; she looked pleasantly upon me, and after a little Pause, said, *I have no Desire nor Will of my own, I stand in the Will of God.* At another Time, under the Sense of her great Pain, she said, *I earnestly desire the Lord may release me whilst I have Strength and Patience to bear my Afflictions, but I neither murmur nor repine.* And observing the Sadness of my Countenance, she said, *Why should I not go now? I can never go better.* I told her, if Providence pleased to raise her again, she might be with

with me longer, and be of Service, and yet go well; she readily answered, *There may be Danger in that, I am now ready.* At another Time, I told her, when bemoaning myself if the Lord should see meet to remove her from me at that Time, that I believed he would receive her into the Mansions of Glory; she replied, and said, *I never doubt that, I trust through Christ to be received into the Arms of eternal Bliss, for I am in Peace, and perfectly easy.* At another Time she looked upon me and said, *The Lord gave me to thee, and thou must give me up to him again.* And towards the latter Part of her Illness, being in great Pain, and observing the Concern I was in for her, she said, *My Dear I am afraid thou hold'st me.* I answered, no, I have freely given thee up, and stand resigned in the Will of God; she looked pleasantly upon me, and replied, *That is very good in thee.* And afterwards her Affliction and Pain being very great and heavy upon her, she prayed fervently, and said, *Lord be pleased to grant me a little Ease before I go hence and be seen of Men no more, no more, no more.* And the Lord was pleased to answer

swer her fervent Supplication : for the Day before her Departure, all Pain and Affliction seemed to be removed, and she continued quiet and easy, in a still sweet frame of Mind, and altho' she spoke not much during that Time which could be perfectly heard, yet she remained very Sensible, and her sweet and lively Breathings plainly declared she continued in inward Prayer and Praises unto the Lord, her Lips often moving, and sometimes Expressions were heard tending to signify the full Assurance she had of an Inheritance in eternal Felicity and Glory amongst the Just. Many more precious and weighty Expressions she drop'd during her Illness, which the Distress of my Mind prevented me from remembering perfectly.

About the fifth Hour in the Evening, being the fifth Day of the Week, and the Second of the ninth Month 1738, she sweetly finished her Course, and went away like an innocent Lamb : And notwithstanding the great Affliction and Pain she underwent for seven Days and seven Nights, that Brightness and Innocency which Truth had impressed, remained on her Countenance when the Soul

Soul was released and had taken its Flight into the Regions of Bliss and Glory.

She was aged about forty nine Years, and a Minister upwards of thirty Years; she was endued with many eminent Gifts and Qualifications, an able Minister, rightly dividing the Word of Truth through that Wisdom received from God, which proved effectual to the Convincing of divers, and the edifying and reaching of many; she was zealous for the Cause of God, and of a discerning Spirit and good Understanding, so that the Enemies of Truth could not stand before her, for her Bow abode in Strength, and her Arrows were often carried to the Mark, and were sharp against undue Liberty, Deceit, and the Works and Workers of Unrighteousness.

She dearly loved the Children of the Light, and sincerely sympathized with such in their Afflictions who were seeking the Way to Zion, and often had a Word of Comfort to them: Her Heart and House were always open (according to the Example of her pious Parents) to receive the Ambassadors of Christ, remembering what he said,

And whosoever shall give to drink Mat. 10. 42.

drink unto one of these little Ones a Cup of cold Water only in the Name of a Disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his Reward. And likewise what he told his Disciples, John 13. 20. *Verily, verily I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send, receiveth me : And he that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me.* And her Delight was in the Company of those who laboured for the Promotion of the Gospel, and, through a good degree of Experience, she had sometimes a Word of Advice and Encouragement to such.

She was a Loving and Affectionate Wife, and the Gift of God to me, and as such I always prized her, a Helpmeet indeed both in Prosperity and Adversity, a steady and cheerful Companion in all the Afflictions and Tryals which attended us, and a true and faithful Yoke-fellow in all our Services in the Church ; for being ever one in Spirit, we became one in Faith and Practice, in Discerning and Judgment, and our Concern and Labour was the same ; which nearly united us, and a Life of Comfort and Satisfaction we lived ; our Souls in the nearest Union delighting
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in each other, and the Love and Presence of God, wherewith we were often favoured in our private Retirements, sweetned every bitter Cup, and made our Passage easy and pleasant to us. But alas! What shall I say, the Lord who is all-wise, and only knows what is best for us, hath called her hence, who is worthy to do whatsoever he sees meet, therefore in humble Submission to his Will who gave, and hath taken away, as knowing, tho' it is my Loss, it is her everlasting Gain, I rest, and can in Sincerity and Truth bless his Name who is worthy for ever.

J. B.

On the seventh Day of the Month aforesaid, her Body was accompanied from our dwelling House at *Bromley* to the Meeting-house in *Grace-church-street* London, whence, after a solemn Meeting, many being affected with the Removal of so near a Friend, it was carried to Friends Burying-ground near *Bunhill-fields*, and buried by her Mother according to her Desire

Precious in the Sight of the Lord, is the Death of his Saints. Psal. cxvi. 15.

J E N.

JENNET STOW, a pious young Woman, who lived within the Compass of *Settle* Monthly-Meeting in the County of *York*; she greatly feared the Lord and remembered her Creator in the Days of her Youth, and was one of those who joined in with the Visitation of Truth in her young and blooming Years, and gave up her Name to serve the Lord, who was graciously pleased in his Wisdom and Goodness, to give unto her a Dispensation of the Gospel of glad Tidings to preach; and being devoted in Heart to answer the Lord's Requirements, she laboured faithfully according to the Ability he gave, and visited the Churches of Christ in divers Parts of *England*, *Scotland* and *Ireland*, and was made a serviceable Instrument in the Lord's Hand for the Comfort and Edification of his People, where her Lot was cast, and was diligent in the Discharge of her Duty, whilst Health and Strength was afforded to her; she faithfully laboured in Word and Doctrine, and improved the Talents bestowed upon her, until

Infirmary

Infirmity and bodily Weakness laid hold of her, and rendered her in a great degree unfit for publick Service; and by the thankful and affecting Expressions, which herein follow, may be plainly seen the Sincerity and Integrity of her humble Mind, and her great Love to God, and fervent Concern for the Cause of Truth, and likewise the blessed Reward of Peace and Comfort she enjoy'd, and the Assurance and Evidence she had of her well-being near the finishing of her Testimony, and the Conclusion of her Time here.

Being weakly in Body, and apprehending she drew near her End, she expressed herself thus, viz. *It is a brave Thing to live near the Lord; for I feel his Goodness near at this very Season, which warms my Heart; blessed be his holy Name: My Heart is full of Love: Lord, let me live here and do what thou wilt with my Body; Oh! I feel a great deal of Peace in my Soul: Lord, thou hast answer'd my Cries, notwithstanding thou hast tried me every way: I feel thou wilt carry me on to the End, and then all Tears will be wiped away, all Sorrowing*

rowing will be over, then it will be well with me; Glory, Glory, to thy heavenly Name.

Then she lay singing Praises to God for some Time, and began to say again, Blessed be his holy Name; I feel as the House of Saul grows weaker, and weaker, the House of David grows stronger and stronger; tho' I can scarce lift up a Finger, yet I feel myself strong in the Lord. Lord thou hast turned me every way, thou hast made me what thou wouldst have me to be, praised be thy holy Name, that I am yet alive to make mention of thy Name. Then she prayed for the Family; and desired of the Lord, that the Offspring thereof might grow in the Truth, and further said, Lord, thou hast put a Song in my Mouth, I can sing Praises to thy holy Name. People, not of our Profession, coming in, she exhorted them to live in the Fear of God, that they might die in his Favour; she said, may be you will say, I am mad, she is light witted; so they said of our Saviour; but I must tell you, if you will not hear now, you will one Day remember what I say. Oh! it is a brave thing to have Oil in our Lamps, and our Lamps trimmed when the Bridegroom cometh, that we may be ready

to enter into the Chamber with him. Oh! Glory to God, I am ready, come when thou pleasest, at Midnight or Cock-crow, Glory to God for ever.

These few Lines come in true Love to all that may see them when I am gone to my long Home, as indeed I do not expect to be long or many Days, because I feel so many Distempers to attend this poor House of Clay, and glad I am, that it hath pleased the Lord to work upon my Heart in the Flower of my Age, and hath made me willing to serve him in the Days of my Youth, so that I was made to forsake all that was near and dear unto me, and fully to give up and follow the Lord wheresoever he was pleased to draw me, and now I find abundance of Peace in it, and an Answer of well-done returned into my Bosom, which is great Comfort to me on a sick Bed, which is likely to prove a dying Bed; now I find abundance of Peace returned into my traveling Soul, which hath often gone mourning on my Way with my Hands upon my Loins, and altho' I have gone on my Way weeping, yet I shall return with Joy to Zion, with Joy and Songs of Deliverance in my Mouth, praising the Lord who hath been my Rock in every Time of Trial, I have

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 have fled thither and have found Safety;
 blessed are all they who are found build-
 ing upon him; these are they who know
 whither to fly when the Tempest beateth,
 and the Rain descendeth, they trust not in
 the Arm of Flesh, but they depend upon
 the Lord, who is a sure Rock, and the
 Righteous fled thither, and found Safety:
 And one that hath been concerned for the
 Welfare of Souls for some Years, that all
 would prize their Time while they have it,
 and not slight the Day of their Visitation,
 for it may be such as are now in being
 may not live to see another Day; for I
 can truly say, it hath been a Concern up-
 on my Mind for some Years, if it pleased
 the Lord to order it that I lived so long,
 that a trying Day might come upon this
 Nation, that I might live so as to be
 sheltered under the Lord's Wing; for in-
 deed it is those who are found labouring
 in the Summer-time who have something
 to grieve upon when Winter approaches;
 therefore I desire that I may prevail with
 you, as one that desireth the Welfare of
 Souls; let nothing in this World deprive
 you of the precious Enjoyment of Truth:
 For, O! it is lovely in the Eyes of a Re-
 servant, and more desirable than all visible
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Things; I can truly say, that Truth is as precious in my Eyes this Day, as ever it was, so that I can say, that the Lord is my Portion, and the Lot of my Inheritance: In this long Time of Weakness I feel the Lord to be near, and he beareth up the Spirit of my Mind, Glory be to his Name, for he beareth up his Children in a trying Time, who have been made willing to confess him before Men, those are they whom he will not deny before his Father which is in Heaven: Altho' you have been as the Off-scourings of the World, be not discouraged, for the Lord is on his Way, and it is my Faith to believe, that the Lord will get himself a Name, and his Name will become famous in Israel: Therefore be not discouraged, but go on in the Name of the Lord; altho' you may think your selves weak, yet the Lord will be Strength in the midst of Weakness; I speak by good Experience, blessed be the Name of the Lord for it: I have often thought when it pleased the Lord to draw my Mind to visit this Nation, Scotland, and Ireland, then I said, Lord, I am weak, very dispiseable in the Eyes of Men, how shall I appear before them? And I can truly say it, that it was the Word of the

Lord that ran thro' me, be not afraid, for tho' thou art Weak, yet I am Strong, and I will make thee as a Trumpet in my Hand, which shall give a certain Sound, and blessed be the Lord, who hath fulfilled his Promise not only to my Comfort, but to the Satisfaction of others, who have not gone under the Name of Quakers, and blessed be his Name for it, for it is the Lord's Doings and not my own, and he shall have the Praise of it; for it belongeth not to Man or Woman, for we are but Instruments in the Hand of the Lord, and of our selves can do nothing that is good. Farewell.

N. B. I presume the Expressions of this Friend, in her Illness, were committed to writing, owned by her, and her Name put to them before her Departure.

She died, at the House of William Young, of Droinfeld in Derbyshire, of Consumption, in the Year 1702, aged about 30 Years, and was buried in Friends-burying-Ground there.

*Doctor Heathcot's Testimony, con-
cerning Jenney Stow, who was
her Physician and attended her
in her Illness.*

WHEN first I beheld that holy
Woman that left this Legacy be-
hind her, I thought I never saw so head-
yently an Image, her Eyes seem'd full of
Concern, but not for this World, but
what Way soever her outward Eyes look-
ed, I still thought that the Eye of her
Mind was toward the Door, where her
Beloved was wont to come in, and truly
I have some Reason to believe, that he
seldom or never knocked in the Days
that I knew her, but she was ready to let
him in without making many Excuses,
and he that made her Heart clean, de-
lighted often to visit her; the first time
I cast my Eye upon her was in a Meet-
ing, and tho' she spoke no Words in that
Meeting, yet the very Sight of her
preached aloud to me. I thought it a
good Meeting, that I met with her, her
Look was humble, serious, steady, full of
Watchfulness, Love and earnest Long-
ings

ings, and wrestling in the Depth of Patience for her Beloved, whose blessed Presence, and living Enjoyment she often wanted, tho' favoured with it more than others; as far as I could judge, she lived in my House some Months, and I thought my self highly favoured of the Lord, that he was pleased to order it - for the more I knew of her, the more I loved her, and the more I loved her the better I was pleased; for I found it never did me any harm; being a Love not of my own, but of the Lord's begetting, for whose sake alone we loved one another. In Meetings she was valiant to fetch Water for others; her Dwelling was deep, and the Water she brought up was Living to all whose Senses were lively; the Sound of her Voice was beyond all the Musick I ever heard, and the least Sound that drop'd from her in a Meeting, with Words, or if only a Sigh or Sound of any Sort, I thought it always brought my Mind nearer to the Lord, from whom every Thing of hers had its Sweetness; when she had not the immediate Sense of this Power, she was less than others, having little or no Life but in, and being as dead to every Thing else,

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very despiseable to those whose Life and Delight is in this World, unacquainted with ~~this secret Life hid with Christ in~~ God; a true Disciple she was, denyed herself, took up and carried her daily Cross, and followed him who hath bid us all do so, if we will be his Disciples; she hated Sin, pitied Sinners, and had a Mantle of Love to cast over the least that belonged unto or looked towards her Master's Family; I am loth to say she was pure Gold, yet never saw any Thing more like unto it, for being oft put into the Fire, she was more refined; her Life grew stronger as her Body decayed, that Life which Death hath no Power over; tho her Pains were great and long, so was her Patience and her Strength to bear wonderful, as well it might be, being in and from the Almighty. I am not sorry that she is gone, nor that I am left; but may my Life and latter End be like hers, then I know, in Life or Death, happy shall I be, and the same Happiness I desire for all Mankind.

Gilbert Heathcote, M. D.

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Delight is in this World, unacquainted

~~with this secret, the Lord with a heart~~

God a true Disciple the was denied

ABRAHAM ANTHONY,

of Rhode-Island in America, and
Companion to William Wilkinson of New-
England, in a Visit to Friends in this
Nation, was visited with Sickness at the
House of Roger Dickinson of Whitby in
Yorkshire: His Patience and Quietness,
in the Time of his greatest Affliction of
Body, was admirable, with a free Re-
signation to the Will of God; saying,
*If I may live, I am willing, but if I
must die, the Will of the Lord be done;* of-
ten praising God, and many Times ex-
pressed his great Satisfaction that it had
pleased the Lord to cast his Lot amongst
Friends in that Place: The Day before
he died, several Friends standing about
him, he said, *Friends, stand fast in the
Lord, and bear a faithful Testimony for
God in your Day, and stand fast in the
Truth; what signifies this World, or the
Riches of it, they are not to be valued, for
the Love of the Lord is above all; and be
weighty in your Spirits, and watchful and
servent in that great Duty of Prayer when
you approach before the Almighty Jehovah;*
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for it is a dreadful Thing to appear before the Lord unprepared, for the Lord will be terrible to the Wicked. Israel is to dwell alone, and not to be numbered among the Nations; And you Elders, be ye faithful; I am raised up beyond my Expectation to exhort you Elders to Faithfulness, tho' but young to many of you, and the least in mine own Eyes, yet Strong in the Lord my God: Friends, I did not leave my own Country in my own Will, or in my own Strength, or in my own Time; then he said, O! Lord, I love thee more than Wine, and lifting up his Hands, he said, O! the Joys of Heaven, Glory to the Father, and the Son, as it was in the Beginning, so be it World without End. Amen, Amen, Amen. With several other good Expressions which he uttered during the Time of his Sickness, which are not here inserted, but were much Comfort and Satisfaction to those who were often with him, and was a sealed Evidence on their Spirits, that he is gone to rest with the Righteous in that Kingdom of Peace which God has prepared for all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ, where the Spirits of the Just made perfect do sing Praises, Hallelujahs and Hosannahs to him that lives on High,

who is God over all, worthy of all Glory, Honour and Praise for ever, *Amen.*

He was taken ill the second Day of the first Month 1713, and departed this Life in Peace with the Lord on the 13th about Four in the Morning, and was buried in Friends Burying-ground at *Whitby*, on the Fourteenth, about Four in the Afternoon, being the first Day of the Week; aged about 31 Years.

DOROTHY TRAPNELL, was born in *Topsham* in *Devonshire* the 24th Day of the 6th Month 1630, and (with her Mother *Anne Morris*) was one of the first convinced of the Blessed Truth in that Country about the Year 1654. (Her Mother was concerned to bear Testimony against the Hireling Priest in the publick Worship-house; and gave up her own House for Friends to meet in during her Life, and ordered it to be continued after her Decease.)

She was a religious Woman, of good Repute amongst Friends and others, being patient and merciful to People in Distress, which caused the Loss of her to

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lamented by those who knew her; she would be often speaking of her Death and made her Will many Year before her Departure, frequently saying, *she was not afraid to dye*; and tho' she grew ancient, yet still retained her Understanding; she often advised those who were with her to *fear God, and love the Truth*, telling them with Tears, how freely she could have laid down her Life for Truth's sake at her first Convincement: Some time before her Decease, she said to her Grandson *Peter Williams*, that *she thought she should see him no more*, charging him to *love and take care of his Mother*. Some Hours before her Death, (which she earnestly desired) she said, *she was dying*, and took her solemn Leave of her Relations, Friends, and Neighbours that were present, kissing diverse of them, and praying God to bless them, and theirs; then she called for her Daughter *Williams*, and asked if *she had left her*, her Daughter came to her, and said, *she had not left her*; and she holding her by the hand, earnestly desired the Lord to bless her, and hers, and added, *I should have been glad to have seen thy Children*; but they living some Miles from her, she expired before they

they came. She finished her Course and Testimony, and laid down the Body like a Lamb, without Sigh or Groan, the fourteenth Day of the Twelfth Month 1715, Aged Eighty five Years and almost six Months, and was buried the Nineteenth in Friends Burying-ground at *Topsham*, and was the first laid in that Ground. She dyed much lamented, being a true Christian, a good Friend, and affectionate Mother, and Grandmother, and a good Neighbour, leaving a good Reputation behind her, whose Memory cannot be forgotten by those who were near and dear to her, and she to them: Such was the Respect shewn to her Memory from other People not of our Profession, as well as from Friends, that it was thought some Thousands were at her Funeral, even more than the Meeting-House and Burying-ground (tho' large) could contain, many not under our Name, coming from the Country without any Invitation.

JOHNS WILLIAMS, Son in Law
to the forementioned *Dorothy Trapnell*
was born in *Topsham* the 14th Day of the
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first Month 1658, and brought up in the
 Way of the Church of England; when he
 was upwards of Twenty Years of Age,
 he married the Daughter of the said Do-
 rothy Trapnell, then also in the Way of
 the Church of England, where they con-
 tinued until about the Year 1687, when
 they were both invited to a Meeting where
 our dear and worthy Friend James Dick-
 inson was; and sometime after, he joined
 in Profession with the People called Qua-
 kers, with whom he continued to his End.
 Being taken ill about the Beginning of
 the Eighth Month 1717, when going up
 Stairs, he said to the Maid-servant, that
 he thought he should never more come down;
 about two Days after he said to his Wife,
 that it had been in his Mind almost all the
 Day before, to make his Will, and being
 taken in his Head, he did not know whether
 his Memory might continue, on which his
 Wife said to him, that he used to be
 low-Spirited when sick; he answered,
 that he must do it, that was, to make his
 Will; some Hours after, he spake to his
 Nurse, and a Kinswoman that came to
 visit him, to the same Effect, saying, that
 his Wife was not willing; whereon his
 Kinswoman said, she would send for a
 Person

Person to do it; when it was done and
 signed, he said to his Son Peter, *this is*
my Mind; and if you love your Mother,
and be dutiful to her, I will may reap the
Benefit of it; as for which he grew worse,
and worse, what ever Means were used,
often speaking of his Death; and saying he
had rather dye than live; except it were to
honour the Lord; After which he lay a-
 bout 8 Hours speechless, with many other
 Symptoms of immediate Death; but reco-
 vering out of that State, he spake at first
 like a Child, and desired to see his Wife
 and Children once more, which he ex-
 pressed again on their Coming to him;
 and desiring his Wife to kiss him, he
 said, *farewell in the Lord;* she answering,
 said, *in the Lord Jesus we shall fare well;*
 to which he added, *farewell in the Lord*
Jesus, do not stay by me to discompose my
Mind. He called his little Grandson, and
 holding him by the hand, said, *Sonny,*
I desire thou mayst be a good Man and fear
God, and then God will bless thee. An
 ancient Friend coming to visit him, he
 told him, *that he had that Night fought*
(as it were) with Beasts at Ephesus; the
 Friend said; *he hoped he did overcome,*
 to which he cheerfully answered, *Yes,*
Yes,

Yes, there is Strength enough in the Lord to overcome all; he continued growing weaker and weaker, and on the 27th Day of the Ninth Month 1717, he departed this Life, Aged about Fifty Eight Years and Nine Months.

N. B. Sometime after his Decease, our aforementioned Friend *James Dickinson* coming in Truth's Service into the West, came to visit his Widow, and looking on her, said, he remembered when she and her Husband came into the Meeting of Friends in their Finery; about Thirty Years before, he had said to Old *John Colworthy* and Wife, that the Couple who came into the Meeting would come to us.

JOSEPH WHALLEY, Son of *Joseph Whalley*, and *Hannah* his Wife, of *Southfield* in *Lancashire*. About three or four Months before this Young-man died, being under some Affliction of Body, he often desired his Mother to keep him Company, saying, Come Mother keep me company and let us wait a little together: And she at one Time asked him, what

what he thought of himself as to his inward Condition: After a little Pause, he answered and said, *I fear I have not been so careful at Times as I ought to have been, but when I have had good Meetings, and Opportunities of profit, I have been too apt to grow into Forgetfulness again, by joining with some of my Companions in Laughter and Jestings; but I hope if it please God to restore me to my former Health again, and lengthen out my Day a little longer, I shall be more careful for the future, for I believe that it is his Will and Pleasure thus to afflict me for my good, that I may remember my Ways; for I believe, if I had answered the End of my Creation, I should have been a Plant to have glorified God in my Day, and I hope that I may in some Measure answer it one way or other, before he takes me out of the World.* On the twenty first Day of the fourth Month, he began to bleed at the Nose, and notwithstanding all the Means used to stop it, by Men of Skill, it all proved ineffectual, and in about three Days after the Time he began, finding himself pretty far spent, and seeing some of his Friends and near Relations, and particularly his Mother, in a great Concern for him, he expressed himself
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after this Manner ; I desire you to be easy ;
 and Mother, I desire thee to be easy
 and not to weep, for I hope it will be well
 with me : then turning himself to the
 young People present, he said, You see
 that I am a dying Man, I desire you
 may take warning by me to remember your
 latter End, seeing you know not how soon
 it may be your Turn to be in this Condition.
 Then taking his Brother by the Hand,
 said, I desire thee to be a good Boy, and be
 not stubborn, but be guided by thy Mother,
 and then it will be well for thee when thou
 comest to a dying Hour, which I am draw-
 ing towards, for thou must come to me (if
 thou be a good Lad) but I must not return
 to thee, and this I leave with thee as a
 Charge, for I desire thy Well-fare as for my
 own Soul. Then he wanted to see his
 Cousin William Fielden, and shewed a
 Concern to speak to him by Way of Advice
 and Warning ; but he not being in Sight
 he signified, that tho' he should warn, and
 his Warning be neglected, yet he should be
 clear, and their Blood would be upon their
 own Heads, referring to Ezekiel the
 Prophet, and said he, as for our Friend
 John Ecryod, if I die I would have him
 be easy, for I am satisfy'd he hath done his
 Endeavour ; and he also signified that he

believed there had been Endeavours used
 sufficient, if the Lord saw meet to restore
 him to Health again; but said he, when
 the Lord calls who can withstand. His
 Father asked him whether he was easy
 as to himself, and could be free to die
 and leave them; he answered, I am easy
 in my Mind, and have no Disturbance,
 which is to me a Sign that an Inheritance
 is provided for me. (A Neighbour being
 present, replied, it is so.) His Father
 asking further, whether he had any
 Thing upon his Mind to say to him, I
 have nothing, said he, in Commission; but
 that thou walkest answerable to the Light
 which God has given thee. Remember my
 Love to Friends, said he, for my Love is
 small; and in particular he desired his
 Wishes might be given to Thomas An-
 derdon, and requested that those present
 might stay with him, until it might
 please the Lord to call him; That, said he,
 they may see the Ends; for I hope I shall
 be no bad Example. Then he desired to
 see some Relations, and two publick
 Friends belonging to the Meeting, who
 being sent for, one came, viz. James
 Toppen, and when he saw him, he said,
 Thou hast done well to come to see me, the
 Friend

Friend answered, I am sorry to see thee
thus; but he replied, I hope thou needst not
be sorry in our Sense. The other Friend,
viz. Charles Harrison being absent at a
Burial, came not till near his End, and
prayed by him; and a little before his
Departure, he desired that all the young
People of the Neighbourhood, and his
Relations, especially the Youth, might
be invited to his Burial; For, said he,
may be it may prove an Inducement to them,
through me, to remember their latter End.
A little before he finished his Race, a
Friend that sat near him thought he
heard him, with a low Voice say, Praises,
Praises, which were the last Words he
spoke, and in a little Time after he de-
parted this Life as if he had fallen asleep,
(and it is to be hoped in Peace with the
Lord) the 25th Day of the 4th Month,
1724, in the 20th Year of his Age.

I Believe the faithful Labours and Ser-
vices of that eminent Servant of the
Church and ancient and living Mini-
ster of Jesus Christ John Haydock, &c.
yet within the Memory of many now
living

living, who cannot forget that faithful
 Labour of Love in the Work of the Gos-
 pel in which he was very diligent, he
 Travelling much in divers Parts of the
 World, with whose Service in the Mini-
 stry, the Church, was often edify'd and
 comforted for about fifty Years; so that
 it may be truly said of him, he was an
 Instrument in the Lord's Hand, gifted
 by him for watering his Heritage, and
 was very instrumental to help those who
 were under Convincement, and laboured
 under great Exercise of Mind, who
 were laid hold on, and reached to,
 by the Visitation of the Love of God,
 and had the Opportunity of sitting un-
 der his lively Testimonies, which were
 both teaching and baptizing, and such in-
 deed were thereby often greatly encourag-
 ed, refreshed and comforted, and stirred
 up in their Minds, so as still to look forward
 and trust in God who had so graciously
 visited them, being Witnesses that his Mi-
 nistry tended to the Building up in the
 most holy Faith in our Lord and Saviour
 Jesus Christ, which gives Victory over Sin;
 and his great Humility, pious and godly
 Walking, adorned the Doctrine of the
 Gospel of Christ, so that by his Exam-
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ple he recommended that which he was called to preach in the Power and Demonstration of the Spirit, and did shew forth the Good Effects of true Religion, which he laboured faithfully for many Years to promote amongst Mankind: But finding nothing in the foregoing Volumes, of the *dying Sayings of Friends*, concerning him, nor any Thing made publick of his Labours and Travels in the Work of the Gospel, and concluding that there are yet remaining some who are as Seals of his Ministry; for the reviving of the Memory of the Just, as he deserves to be accounted, I have inserted the Testimony of *Hartshaw Monthly Meeting* concerning him, in which Place he was many Years a serviceable Member, which is as follows.

J. B.

A short Testimony concerning our dear and ancient Friend John Haydock.

WE could not stand acquitted before God nor Men, to have buried the Corpse of this our worthy Friend, with

a few short Sighs, and so let his Name go with him to the Grave; we have raised no Monument over his Sepulchre, but there is one due to his Worth: His Life was of sweet Savour, seasoned with the Salt of the Covenant, and ought not to go under foot: He was born of reputable Parents in the Parish of *Standish* in *Lancashire*, in the twelfth Month 1640, by whom he was strictly educated in their Religion, whose Principles he held till about the Year 1667, when it pleased the Lord to visit him with his glorious Day-Spring from on high, whereby his Understanding became enlarged, and his Heart opened, to believe and receive the Truth as it is in Jesus, and for his Testimony unto it, he was in a few Months after committed Prisoner to *Lancaster* Goal, where he patiently suffered Imprisonment about four Months before he was released. A Year after his Commitment he was called into the Ministry of the Gospel, in which Service, being endowed with the Spirit of Wisdom and Power, he was eminently laborious and useful; he travelled much on Truth's Account, not only in *England* and *Scotland*, but several Times

visited

visited the Nation of *Ireland*; he also went over to *America*, and visited most of the Provinces and Islands there; from all which Places we have had good Accounts of his Service, and there were many convinced which became Seals of his Ministry; his Doctrine was sweet and heavenly, relishing of the Fountain whence it came; often deep in the Mystery, not to be comprehended by the World, but seemed rather Matter for the Children of Light and Circumcision, from whom the Vail of the Covering is taken away; he was, from its Beginning, a Member of this our Meeting of Discipline, and thro' the Blessing of God very helpful to us to establish good Order both by Example and Precept, for God had given him a profound Judgment; he was a Man who suffered much Persecution for Righteousness sake, both of Tongues and Hands, and went thro' bad Reports as well as good, was rendered as a Deceiver and yet true, and because he would not Swear, he suffered the Loss of much of his worldly Substance, and was often imprisoned, all which he bore with invincible Patience, till in Death it self he became Victor, and is gone to his

prepared Mansion, where the Wicked cease from troubling, and his Rest is made perfect. He died in *Lancaster* Goal, for his Testimony to the Truth, upon the 19th Day of the 10th Month, after a Weeks Sickness, and was carried thence to his own House in *Coppul*, and was buried in Friends Burying-ground in *Langtree*, the 22d Day of the same Month 1719, aged about 79 Years, and a Minister about fifty Years.

WILLIAM FENNEL, and BLESSING his Wife: Some Account (by way of Testimony) from the Men and Womens Meeting in *Youghal* in *Ireland*, concerning our dear Friends deceased before named. The said *William* was eldest Son to *John Fennell* and *Mary* his Wife of *Killicomonbeg* in the County of *Tipperary*, who were early convinced of the blessed Truth, as profess'd by us (the People called *Quakers*) and were serviceable in their Time and Place.

The said *Blessing* was the eldest Daughter of *Robert Sandham*, and *Deborah* his Wife,

Wife, in *Toughall*, of whose pious Lives and Deaths some Account is given in the *Dying Sayings* of Friends already published.

They the said *William* and *Blessing*, by the Account we have had; and what we knew of them, were not only educated in the Profession of Truth, but in their Minority were sober, and religiously inclined, and dutiful to their Parents, and as they grew in Years, by and through the Lord's Grace and good Spirit, grew in Sobriety and Virtue; their Lives and Conversations adorned their Profession. They took each other in Marriage in the Year 1688, and settled in *Toughall*, where they became serviceable in divers respects, through the Lord's Goodness and preserving Power; They were concerned, according to the Ability received, in their Place and Station, to maintain Truth's Testimony in the several Branches thereof, and were diligent Attenders of Meetings for the Worship of God, also those for good Order and Discipline in the Church both at Home and Abroad, as Province, and Half-years Meetings, whilst they had Ability of Body. They were as Lights in that Place,

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whose House and Hearts were open to entertain Strangers and their Friends cheerfully; they lived in great Love and Unity together, and trained up their Children, not only in plainness of Speech and Apparel, but also in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord, and walked as good Examples before them and others, in Godliness and Honesty, being just in their Dealings, and careful and punctual to keep their Word and Promises, keeping in Moderation and Temperance, loving and kind to Friends and Neighbours, and affectionate to Parents, and charitable to the Poor, (doing good unto all, but more especially to the Household of Faith) according to their Ability.

The said *William* in the Time of his last Illness spake many sensible Expressions, saying, *There lay nothing in his way that he knew of, and desired to be dissolv'd and taken out of that frail Tabernacle of Clay;* and so continued in a sweet, sensible, resign'd frame of Mind, often praying unto the Lord to bless his Children, and to be a Comfort to his dear Wife; and one Day said to her, *My Dear, the Lord hath been very good to me from my Childhood to this Day*

Day many ways, and in particular, in
 blessing me with a tender, loving and faith-
 ful Wife, and dutiful Children; and that
 the Lord's Goodness continued to him in
 that last Sickness; with other Express-
 ons that were affecting to those present.
 He departed this Life the 13th Day of
 the 7th Month, 1724, Aged 73 Years.
 A few Weeks after his Death, the said
 Blessing (his Widow) in answer to a Let-
 ter to a particular Friend T. W. of Cork,
 gave the following Account concerning
 her said Husband, in these Words, viz.
 Altho' I fully believe the Lord hath taken
 my most dear and tender Husband to him-
 self, yet his Removal is my exceeding great
 Loss, he being a Faithful Fellow-travel-
 ler with me in our spiritual Journey
 Zion ward, he was not a Man that would
 speak so much as some others, but was sin-
 cere Hearted to God, and tender of the Ho-
 nour of his Truth, bearing Burthens often
 for Peace-sake in this Meeting, labouring
 to preserve Unity, and keep down a divid-
 ing Spirit; and farther, if I may be al-
 lowed (that best knew him the last half of
 his Years) to give his Character in a few
 Words. He was a faithful Man, fearing
 God and hating Covetousness, doing nothing
 through

through Strife or vain Glory, but in lowliness of Mind, esteeming others better than himself.

The said Blessing lived about ten Years after the Death of her said Husband, and continued a serviceable Woman in her Place, (being a Mother in our *Israel*) a Teacher of good Things, her Words being seasoned with Grace, often telling her Children, *the Lord's merciful and tender Dealings, and Preservations to her and hers all her Life long.* Some Years before she died, she appeared in a publick Testimony in this Meeting, telling what God had done for her Soul, in a lively Manner; and had a zealous Concern to stir up Friends to Watchfulness and Circumspection in their Conversations, and to do nothing against the Truth, but for it.

She was under pretty much Weakness and Infirmary of Body for some Time before her last Sickness, yet preserved in a sweet, resigned, tender frame of Spirit to the Last, and often gave good Advice to her Children, telling them of God's Goodness to her Soul: Her last Illness was short, and being weak before, did not say much to her Children or those about

about her at that Time, save that to her eldest Daughter and her Husband; the Day before she died, she said, *she was glad to see them once more, and desired the Lord might bless and preserve them in his Truth* being weak, could not say much, but desired her Children might live in the Fear of God, and mind the Advice she had often given them. She departed this Life the fourth Day of the third Month, 1735, in the seventy fourth Year of her Age, and we doubt not but she is entered into that Rest God hath prepared for all who love and fear him. Given forth by Order and on behalf of our said Meeting, the eighth Day of the twelfth Month, 1735.

THOMAS WIGHT, of Cork in Ireland, was taken ill the 13th Day of the 9th Month 1724, with a Cold, and a Stitch, which continued, tho' not violent, about three Weeks, part of which Time he seemed to amend so as to get down Stairs, and settle his outward Affairs. After which, finding himself growing weaker gradually, he took
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to his Chamber, and on the Day whereon the Mens Meeting was held, tho' very weak, he looked into the Meeting Books, and in a solid Manner spake to his Son Joshua, saying, There will want some Friend to write, or be Clerk for Friends about Truth's Affairs; there are such and such that are qualified, it is too much for one. Indeed I have wrote a great deal in my Time, and I have thought many Times, if I had not been divinely supported, and born up under it, I should have fainted long ago. When I began first, I was but feeble, but the Concern grew up on me, and I took it with alacrity; I soon it took up my Mind and Thought so, that I was as a Stranger to the World and outward Business, &c.

To his Grandson T. G. that came to take his Leave of him (being about to go over to London) he gave good Advice and Counsel, particularly to regard Truth, and admonish'd him to beware of hurtful Conversation, to keep out of Superfluity, and the vain Fashions of the World, and not to strike Hands, or join with such as took an undue Liberty in divers respects, adding, Shun not the Cross, but love it, and be not ashamed of it; with
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more to the same Effect. Divers Friends came to visit him, to whom he shewed much Cheerfulness, and expressed his Resignation to the Will of God. The latter End of the Month, being the Province Meeting, he apparently grew weaker, and divers Friends out of the Country, and also of the City, came to visit him, to whom he expressed in great tenderness of Spirit, the Goodness of God to him under his bodily Weakness, and that it was well for him he had not at that Time the Work of Salvation to do, but that he had the Evidence of its being sealed to him. Afterwards he sent for his Grand-Children, to whom, in great brokenness, he gave tender Advice and Counsel, to fear the Lord, and be dutiful to their Parents, and in much Plainness cautioned them to beware of the vain Fashions, and hurtful Conversation of the World; and express'd with Sorrow and Mourning, that there was too much Height and Grandeur got into, and lived in, in many Friends Families. When he had spoken and cleared his Mind to his Children, and Grand-Children, he took leave of them, and desired to be kept quiet and still, and so lay for some time, as if he

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was near expiring, but he revived. And understanding that divers Friends were still in Town, and not gone home from the Province Meeting, he said, I have continued longer than I expected, and I believe they have staid longer in Town on my account; so desired some of them, particularly named, might be told that he would willingly have one Opportunity more with them; who being acquainted with it, readily came, the fourth Day of the tenth Month, and had a seasonable Time with him, first in a solid and silent waiting upon the Lord together by his Bed-side, and afterwards in some serious Conversation, and concluded in Prayer and Supplication to their mutual Comfort and Satisfaction: After which he said, Friends, we read that Jacob said, the Lord was in this Place and I knew it not; but we can say, the Lord is here and we know it, or are sensible of it, Glory to his Name for ever. After which growing gradually weaker, he lay in a sweet tender frame of Mind, and so continued to the ninth Day of the tenth Month, 1724; on which Day he died in the 84th Year of his Age.

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her Mark the perfect Man, and behold
 through I for the End of that Man
 said, The Lord is good to Israel, but
 especially to the upright in Heart, I have
 laboured that my Heart might be before

And so went on in great sweetness
 HANNAH BULL PHILLIPS
 Wife of John Phillips of the City
 of Lincolns County and Province of Massachusetts
 County of Hampshire was a Woman of an ex-
 emplary Life, and in her Conversation of
 few Words, and a retired Mind; having
 in her Regard to the Gift of God in her
 own Heart, whereby she became a pre-
 pared Vessel for the Lord's Use, and for
 some Time before her Death, she had
 been pleased to concern her self in bearing a
 Testimony for his Name and Truth in
 public Meetings, to the Comfort and
 Edification of Friends, and being often
 visited by them in the Time of her Ill-
 nesses, tho' brought very low and weak of
 Body, she was strong in the Lord, and fre-
 quent in Prayer and Supplication unto him.
 She also uttered several pious and affecting
 Expressions, saying at one Time, I am
 very weak in Body, but Life is here;
 which was manifestly felt to the bowing
 of the Hearts of many present. At another

her Time some Friends being in her Chamber waiting upon the Lord, she said, *The Lord is good to Israel, but more especially to the upright in Heart, I have laboured that my Heart might be so before him.* And so went on in great Sweetness, praising the Lord for his Goodness towards her, which was largely manifested at that Time: About a Day or two before she died, several Friends being present, she said, *My dear Friends, my Love is bound to you, but cannot now say much, by Reason of Weakness, but I desire the Lord may be with you, and prepare you for such a Time as this.* She was also tenderly concerned in Prayer, for her Family and Off-spring, and so continued in much Sweetness of Spirit to the very last, departing in great Peace, and full Assurance of eternal Rest, the 14th Day of the 11th Month, 1724, and was buried in Friends Burying-ground the 17th of the same. Aged about 44 Years, and a Minister near two Years.

GEORGE

GEORGE CHALKLEY the Elder, was born of religious Parents at *Kempston* near *Hitchin* in *Hertfordshire*; his Father's Name was *Thomas Chalkley*, by Trade a Mealman; they were by Profession of the Church of *England*, and zealous in their way: They had four Sons, and three Daughters; he being the third Son, was convinced very young at a Meeting by the Chace Side near *Winchmore-hill*, thro' the powerful Ministry of *William Brend*, an eminent Instrument in the Lord's Hand in that Day, who, as he sometimes publicly declared, was opened in the Words of the Preacher, *Eccles. xi. 9. Rejoice O young Man in thy Youth, and let thy Heart cheer thee in the Days of thy Youth, and walk in the Ways of thy Heart, and in the Sight of thine Eyes: but know that for all these Things God will bring thee into Judgment.* Upon which Subject the Friend spoke so home to his State and Condition, that he was convinced, and two others of his Companions reached, with whom he was

walking in the Fields, having religious Conversation together, being providentially directed to the Meeting, by observing some Friends going, whom they followed thither. One of his two Companions was Samuel Hodge, who lived and died a faithful Friend, at whose House in succeeding Time a Meeting was settled, and is there continued, viz. at Mims, to this Day. He, viz. George, was the first of the Family who received the Truth, after which his Father and Mother were convinced, and the rest of his Brothers and Sisters, who lived and died honest Friends, except the Eldest, who was a sober Man, and continued of the Persecution of the Church of England, and died young. It was not long after their Convincement, when he and his two Companions, aforesaid met with a Trial of their Faith and Patience, for being taken at a Meeting together, they were all three committed to New-Prison in White-chapel, where having continued Prisoners some Time, the Magistrates observing their Christian Courage, and Innocency, and being touched with tenderness towards them, considering their Youth, discharged them. About the

25th Year of his Age he married *Rebecca Harding* the Widow of *Nathaniel Harding* a Friend, who died under the Sentence of Banishment. He met with great Disappointments in his early Days, but through the Lord's Goodness was preserved through, and over them all. He was, though low in the World, an eminent Example of Patience and Resignation; and industriously laboured with his Hands for the Support of his Family and conscientious Discharge of all his Engagements, so that it may be justly said of him, that he was careful to owe to no Man any Thing but Love. And farther was very exemplary in keeping constant to Meetings, tho' in Times of hot Persecution. For when Friends were persecuted on the Account of keeping up their religious Meetings, about the Year 1680 to 1684, he constantly attended Meetings, and never missed as far as can be remembered on the First-Days, unless hindered by Sickness; and tho' he was sometimes concerned to speak a few Words by way of Exhortation to Friends, when they were kept out of their Meeting-Houses in the Streets, to stand faithful to the Truth, and to testify of the

solid Comfort and Satisfaction that those
 who truly waited on the Lord enjoyed,
 notwithstanding their deep Sufferings;
 yet it pleased the Lord by his good
 Providence so to preserve him, that he
 did not suffer Imprisonment, (though the
 Informers were busy) in that Time of
 Persecution. When he was about six-
 ty Years of Age, he had a Concern on
 his Mind to visit Friends and Meetings
 in the North of *England*, and other
 Parts of the Nation; and in the seventy
 fifth Year of his Age travelled to *Chester*,
 and from thence went over into *Ireland*,
 in Company of *James Bates*, a Friend
 of the Ministry from *Virginia*, in the
 Service of Truth; In all which Places
 he had good Service, and Satisfaction,
 and was well received of Friends. In his
 old Age he was attended with very
 great Exercises and Weakness by Lame-
 ness; yet his Activity was remarkable,
 for he would so far exert his Strength,
 as often to reach as far as *Devonshire-*
House, and *Bull and Mouth* Meetings,
 and sometimes to the *Work-house* Meet-
 ing, from *Southwark* where he lived;
 but his Weakness increasing, and being
 taken with a violent Pain in his Side, which
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when his Cough took him (with which he was often troubled) was very great. His Illness after increased to that Degree that it brought him very low.

He continued all the Time of his Illness in a patient and resigned Frame. On First Day in the Afternoon he took to his Bed, and that Evening being the sixth Day of the First Month, after the Meeting at *Horslydown*, the Day before his Death, several Friends came to visit him, who finding him very weak, after a little Stay, went to take their Leave of him, whom he desired to sit down, and after some Time of Silence, he brake forth in an intelligible and lively Manner to this Effect, *We have no continuing City here, but seek one to come which hath Foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God. Friends, that we may all labour to be prepared for our Last and great Change; that when this earthly Tabernacle shall be dissolved, we may have a Habitation with the Lord, a Building not made with Hands, eternal in the Heavens. And that it may be thus, the Lord hath shewed thee O Man what is Good, to do justly, love Mercy, and walk humbly with thy God. I do not expect but this will be the*

last Night: I shall have in this World, and desire it may be remembered as the Words of a dying Man; that we may labour to be clothed upon with our House that is from Heaven. So that when that Hour comes, we may have nothing to do but die. About one or two in the Morning the second Day following, he began to change, and desired to see his Son George, who with his Son-in-Law Samuel Thornton coming to see him, found him very low; and he expecting his End quickly to approach, said, he was waiting for his Change: They sitting by his Bed-side with the Nurse, his Housekeeper and Man, about the fourth Hour in the Morning, he prayed fervently after this Manner, Lord, now lettest thou thy Servant depart in Peace, for mine Eyes have seen thy Salvation which thou hast prepared before the Face of all People, a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of thy People Israel. And now, Lord, be with thy People, and Servants, and preserve my near and dear Relations and Acquaintance, and keep them from the Snares and Temptations of the Enemy in thy Truth, that they may fear thy great Name. After a little Time of Silence, he desired his Son George to remember his dear Love in
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Christ Jesus to his dear Brother, and all Friends, my old Friends, said he, and Acquaintance. About the eleventh Hour in the Morning, he enquired how the Tide was, which no body then present could exactly tell ; some Time after, he asked again ; his Man then went out to see, and told him it would be high Water about Three in the Afternoon ; he then lay still a while as if considering, and spake cheerfully out aloud, so that all in the Room might hear, *I shall go off about Five.* His Man asked him, Master, how dost know ? to which he answered, *Know ! I do not know, but I believe it.* The Apothecary coming to to see him, ordered him a comfortable Drink, which he drank willingly, and then said, *I don't think to drink any more in this World, but I hope I shall drink plentifully of the River of Life.* Then drawing on near his End, having ordered a Cord to be fastened, by which he raised himself up as long as he had any Strength left in his Hands ; and when his Hands fail'd him, and his Shoulders and Head (with which he last raised himself) he spoke very low, and faltered, yet so as he could be understood, *Now I am a going.* And
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about an Hour after, lying all that while still, without either Sigh, Groan or Sob, departed this Life as in a Slumber, in sweet Peace, just as the Clock went Five, as he had foretold; who as he lived, so he died like a Lamb on the seventh Day of the first Month 1725, in the eighty fourth Year of his Age, leaving the succeeding Generation a good Example.

On the sixth Day following, being the 11th Day of the same Month, the Time appointed for his Funeral, his Body was accompanied by his Relations, who were many, from his own House, to Friends Meeting-house at *Horshlydown*, where was a very large Company of Friends and Neighbours, amongst whom he was well beloved, and several living Testimonies born to the innocent and exemplary Life and honest Zeal of this our deceased Friend: His Corpse was accompanied from thence to the Grave at Friends Buryal-ground in *Bermundsey, Southwark*, and there interred with a farther Testimony to his exemplary Life and Conversation, and Services for that holy Truth he made Profession of.

~~and great honour I would not, nor did I~~
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THOMAS BUSBY, of *Barn*
bury in Oxfordshire, whom the
 Lord endued with the Knowledge of the
 Truth in his youthful Days, to which,
 through the Operation of his holy Spi-
 rit, he was made willing to give up in
 faithful Obedience in the Time of his
 last Illness; through the renewed Visi-
 tations, and fresh Influences of divine
 Love, he dropt many precious and com-
 fortable Expressions.

In a short time his Distemper increas-
 ed so upon him as to confine him to the
 House; on a First Day some Friends
 came to visit him, and sitting together
 in a weighty Frame of Mind, he said;
If it please the Lord to take me away by
this Illness, I am not afraid to die, blessed
be the Name of the Lord my God, whom
I have loved and served from my young
Years, and now in this low Condition, he
has not forsaken me; all Glory and Hon-
our be given to him, and the dear Lamb
that sits with him on the Throne, World
without End; and though I have near and
dear Things to leave behind me, as Wife
and

and Children, to whom I would have been as a Shepherd a little longer, if the Lord had seen meet, but his Will be done; I shall leave and commit them to him who hath been as a tender Father to me from the Time that he first visited my Soul unto this Day. Oh! what shall I say of his Godness and matchless Love. At another Time, and Friend, that came to visit him, after having spoken a great deal of the Love and Goodness of the Lord to him in the Time of his Youth, in turning his Feet from the Paths of Vanity into the narrow Way that leads to eternal Rest, he said: Oh! that our young Friends, who are growing up, would come to seek the Lord in their early Years, he would be assuredly found of them, my Soul is a Witness of what I now speak. When I was but a Lad, and had secret Desires after him, insomuch that I thought I could be content to moun out my Days in a Cave of the Earth, so that I might have an Assurance of a Dwelling with him, when Time here should be no more, so strong were the Desires that the Lord had raised in me, that nothing short of this would satisfy, which caused me many Times (I might say Years) to go mourning and seeking the Lord,

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At length he was pleased to appear by
 his in speaking Word, in the Secret of
 my Heart, saying, thou art mine, will thou
 on me and I will protect thee. O how
 has he made good his Promise, yea he has
 done more for me both inwardly and out-
 wardly, than at any Time ever entered my
 Heart to desire or expect, the which
 taught Adoration and Praises to ascend from
 me, who am but as a Worm before thee.
 At another Time, he being as it were
 overcome by the Love of God, and in a
 tender frame of Mind, said, One Dram
 of my Fathers Love is better than all
 the Doctors Cordials; O how is this that
 supports my drooping Spirits? I thank thee
 O Father that thou hast not forgotten me
 in this low Condition. One Time speak-
 ing to some young Friends that came to
 visit him, some of his Expressions were
 these, Keep in the narrow Way spoken of
 by our Saviour Christ, in whatsoever Com-
 pany you may be, and keep to an inward
 Exercise of Mind, and to the Teaching of the
 Holy Spirit in your selves, that you may
 be thereby prepared, and ready for whatso-
 ever Work and Service the Lord may be
 pleased to call you to: for he worketh in
 whom he pleaseth, and how he pleaseth;
 1899 Time

Time will fail, and Strength will fail, therefore improve your Time and prepare your selves while ye have Time. My dear Friends, my Love is to you, and Remember my Love to Friends, for I shall depart hence ere it be long; blessed be the Lord, I am strengthened in Spirit beyond what I expected. Some Friends of Ireland, in their Journey to the Yearly Meeting at London, gave him a Visit, and the Lord was pleased to favour them a little before they took Leave of him, with such a degree of divine Sweetness and Harmony upon their Spirits, by which they were so reached and tendered, that they declared their great Comfort and Satisfaction in their Visit.

At another Time, in sweet Composure of Mind, speaking to his Wife, he said, Oh! my Dear, what manner of Love is this, wherewith the Lord hath loved my Soul, that I am as it were overcome therewith, so that I am ready to shout aloud for Joy, and to go beyond my Strength, for I see no End of praising him for his many Mercies and Visitations of Love, surely it is as a Brook by the Way, to confirm my Faith and Hope in him, which is as an Anchor sure and steadfast, that all Tempests

tempests and contrary Winds have never been
 able to shake or overturn, because it was
 built upon the invincible Rock, the Rock of
 Ages and Foundation of all the Righteous;
 my Soul shall sing eternal Praises unto it,
 because I have tasted of the Streams that
 issue therefrom, at this Time as well
 as at many other Times, Glory be to God
 and the Lamb for ever and for ever-
 more. And speaking of that Power
 whereby the Soul is renewed and made
 alive to God; Oh! said he, That we may
 all keep to it, 'tis this which will give us
 the Victory over the many Things that
 would draw away our Minds from him,
 and from a faithful Dependance upon him,
 my Soul is a Witness for the pure God,
 that if we keep to the Power, in that we are
 made more than Conquerors by him who
 hath loved us, and shed his most precious
 Blood for us; and tho' I am weak, and my
 outward Man decays, yet my Faith and
 Hope is renewed in him, so that I know
 whose I am, and whom I serve, and no-
 thing shall be able to pluck me out of his
 Hands, for it is by this Power I have
 been upheld to this Day, and tho' the Ar-
 chers have shot at me, my Bow abode in
 Strength, so that with the Patriarch I
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can say, the Arms of my Hands have been made strong by the Hands of the mighty God of Jacob, that has preserved me, endless Glory be given to him.

The 25th Day of the 7th Month 1726, a Friend, who lived at some distance, came to visit him, and asking him how he was, he answered, *All is well, except the poor Body, and that is sore afflicted, but the Lord has graciously supported me under it, beyond Expectation:* and after having been a little in Silence, he broke forth into Prayer, and returned Praises to the Lord for his wonderful loving Kindness, in affording him his comforting Presence in a time of great Exercises, and his strengthening Power and supporting Arm under such great Pains and long and sore Afflictions of Body, which he was attended with.

The Twenty seventh of the aforesaid Month, some Friends that had tarried all Night, in the Morning asked him how he was? he answered, *I was in hopes I was a going once To-night* (for he had had a very ill Fit, in which, they who were with him thought he was departing) *I am very desirous to be released from this great Affliction of Body I am under,*

der, if it please the Lord; but his Will be done: and about two Hours after, the said Friends being about to take their Leave of him, he (though very weak, being then near his End) raised himself up in the Bed, the Lord strengthening him beyond Expectation, and in the Aboundings of divine Goodness supplicated the Lord to this Effect, viz. That the Lord would be pleased to strengthen and uphold all the Weak, and comfort all the Afflicted, whether in Body or Mind, and that the Lord according to his heavenly Will, and divine Wisdom, would raise up a powerful and living Ministry of the young People among Friends, and that he would graciously vouchsafe of his Favour to his People, to endue the present Ministry with a larger Demonstration of the Spirit, so that nothing might appear among them but the pure Streams and Current of Life; That those who were lately convinced, belonging to Eadon Meeting, might be preserved, and attain to an Establishment in the Truth, and persevere to the End; and that the Youth among us, in general might be favoured with a fresh Visitation of the Love of God, to draw their Affections from the Pleasures and vain Fashions of the World,

to an earnest seeking of the Lord, and thereby to a Possession and Enjoyment in the fulfils of the Power and Excellency of Truth, which will afford them Comfort in a Time of Trouble and Afflictions, and Strength undenied Exercises, and Weakness, and Peace, in an Hour when all the World and the Glory thereof will stand them in no Stead. Towards his End, being weak in Bed, a Friend came to visit him, and speaking of the State of Things, and the Liberty some of the Professors of Truth took to revile the Innocent, he said, Dear Friend be not discouraged, tho' there is Darkness in Egypt there is Light in Goshen, Yea, it is such Darkness that may be felt; my Soul has travelled under the Weight of it many Times, and though it is so, and hath been so, the Lord will have regard to his own Seed; he knows who they are, and where they are; I could say a great deal but am much spent, having had a large Morning Sacrifice with some of my Friends that are gone away to Day, Oh! Glory to God, do not distrust his Goodness, he never fails those who have a true Dependence upon him, my Soul is a living Witness of it: And further said, Although I have been under so long and sore Affliction of Body, yet the Enemy has ne-

nor been suffered to tempt me to Despair,
or doubt of my future Happiness.

He left it as a Charge with his Family that nothing of Mourning Apparel, or any Thing that had the least Appearance thereof, might be wore on the Account of him after his Decease: Many more excellent Sayings which he delivered, worthy of Memorial, might have been here inserted for the Benefit and Encouragement of others, to follow the Ways of Piety and Virtue, had it been possible to have retain'd them exactly in Mind. He departed this Life the 13th Day of the 8th Month, 1726, aged about 60 Years, and was buried in Friends Burying-Ground at Eadon in Northamptonshire the 19th of the same Month, and his Funeral was attended by a large Company of Friends and Neighbours.

JOSUAH BROOK, Son of Richard Brook and Martha his Wife, of Raw near Huthersfield in Yorkshire, was born the 17th day of the 12th Month, 1701, and educated in the Way of Truth as professed by the People called Quakers.

He was inclinable to Learning from his Childhood, and as he grew to riper Years, he pursued it with more diligence; when others, equal with him in Age, were spending their Time in Vanity and Play, he would often be writing, or reading the holy Scriptures, and some other Books, in which he much delighted, which was a Means of preserving him from the many foolish and hurtful Vanities Youth are too much inclinable to.

But afterwards falling into the Company of some who pretended to great Learning, he was led to be a great Admirer of it, so that his Mind was too much taken up with it, and diverted from a due Regard to that inward Principle of Light and Grace in himself; but afterwards the Manifestation of that divine Light shining clearly in his Heart, shewed him his Neglect of Minding that inward Teacher, and then he came to see he must begin to learn anew, and was brought under great Exercise and inward Trouble, in so much that he was scarce fit for Conversation, but very much desired to be alone; and the Company of those who had been his Companions became unpleasant to him; and continuing in a strict Course

Course of Life, was very zealous, and diligent in going to Meetings, and much retired in them; and his Care was such, not to neglect that great Duty of the publick Worship of God, that long after his Infirmary came upon him, (which was Lameness, which continued to his End) he would go with his Staff and Crutch to Meetings, tho' obliged to rest by the Way; and when his Infirmary increased upon him, that he was not able to walk, he would ride to Meetings as long as he had Strength of Body to bear it; but his Infirmities increasing upon him, and growing weak, he was obliged to stay at Home, and in process of Time to keep his Bed, when many lively and heavenly Expressions dropt from him: After a long and sore Affliction (for about four Years) with his Lameness, (which began first on his Knee, and broke on his Leg, and afterwards in his Thigh) came on a *Dropsy*, which proved Mortal; it began about seven Months before his End, and grew gradually, until he was very big, and could not lie down in his Bed, but sat up in it, not being able to turn himself without Assistance for about seven Weeks before his Departure; and altho' in the Time of

his long Illness, his Affliction was great and hard to bear, yet was much overbalanced by that heavenly Love and inward Refreshment which he was favoured with; his patient Conduct and the many reasonable Expressions, that dropt from him under this heavy Exercise, had great Influence, and were very affecting to all Ranks of People that came to visit him, (which were many) how lively he was in his Spirit, and innocent and sweet in his Conversation whilst on his Death-bed it is to be hoped will not be forgot by those that visited him. He often gave good Advice to the Youth, saying, *Tho' you are Young and in the Flower of your Age, yet think not your selves secure, you may see a pregnant Example in me, who was once of as healthful a Constitution as most of you, how soon that over-ruling Hand may bring you into the same Condition ye know not.* Warning them to give all diligence to make their Calling and Election sure, that when pale Death look'd them in the Face, they might not be surpris'd, but being fitly prepared, embrace it with rejoicing.

One First Day Morning before the Meeting, which was held at his Father's House

House that Day, his Brother went to see him, and perceiving him dejected in Mind, asked him if he was not under some Exercise? Yes, said he, *the Lord is withdrawn from me, so that I do not feel that Comfort and Satisfaction as heretofore*: His Brother replied to this Effect, Be not discouraged, the Lord is a merciful God, he may try, but will not leave any that put their Trust in him. So after the Meeting was over, many Friends went to his Bed-side; and divers lively and powerful Expressions were uttered by him, with which many were reached, and some young Friends, his Companions, were tenderly affected; his Brother going to him, he said, *The Lord is come again, I have had a sore Day of Exercise, with most Part of last Night, but now the Lord is returned again, for which I bless his holy Name*. Some young Friends tarried with him that Night, thinking him near his Conclusion, having had a sore Fit the Night before, and his surviving it not being expected, of which he had a Return the Night following; when he felt it come on, he beckoned to each of them with his Hand, and they coming near, he took them by the Hand one by

one and kissed them, taking his solemn Leave of them; and they remained by his Bed-side, expecting his Departure; but after some time, he recovered out of that fainting Fit, and looking up, said with great reverence and Sedateness of Mind, *I thought I had been near the Port of eternal Rest, and would gladly have remained there, but I see my Time is prolonged, and for a while I must Return again into this troublesome World, but God will deliver me from all my Exercises, blessed be his eternal Name.* With much more to the same Effect. At another Time, one of his familiar Friends coming to visit him, asked him how he did, he answered in much brokenness of Spirit, *The Lord will in his appointed Time cure me of all my Maladies, blessed be his holy Name; with many more pious Expressions to those who visited him.* At another Time he said, *The Lord hath plucked my Feet out of the Mire and Clay, and set them upon a Rock; the Lord hath delivered my Soul from all Unrighteousness, there is no Obstruction in my Way, Death is no Terror to me, it is the most pleasant thing that ever mine Eyes beheld, I would not, if I might have my Health again,*

again, remain here ; some times saying, *I see to the End of Mortality, but I cannot come at it yet.* Henry Jackson, a Friend that had a great Respect for him in the Time of his Health, and often visited him in his Sickness, to their Comfort and inward Refreshment ; the last Time he came a few Days before his End, he pray'd by him, after which he said in much tenderness to this Effect, *My Work is almost done, I am going to the Patriarchs, Prophets and Apostles, to sing Hallelujahs and Praises for ever and evermore.* Henry said, as he was coming to visit him, it seemed to him as though the holy Angels of God were waiting to receive the Word of Command to conduct his Soul into the Mansions of Glory, and that he would have wished himself in his Condition : To which he answered, *It will not be long e're we shall meet again ;* which took such Impression on Henry's Mind, that soon after he told a Friend, he believed it would come to pass, for he thought his Days in this World would not be many. And about fourteen Weeks after, Henry also finished his Course. His Distemper growing more Violent he weakened fast, but as his outward Man decayed, his inward Com-
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fort encreased, and waiting in Patience and Resignation to the Will of God for the Word of Command from the great Disposer of all Things, in a full Assurance of his Soul's Salvation, saying, *He should go to his everlasting Rest, to sing Praises for ever and evermore.* He departed this Life the 13th Day of the 7th Month 1727, in the 26th Year of his Age, and it is not to be doubted, is arrived where the Wicked cease from troubling, and the Weary are at Rest.

His Funeral was attended by a large Number of Friends and sober Neighbours, and the aforesaid *Henry Jackson*, being present, bore Testimony to the Truth, and repeated divers pious Expressions which dropt from him on his dying Bed, with which many were much affected.

REBECCA JACOB, Wife of *Isaac Jacob*, of *Waterford* in *Ireland*, Daughter of *William Penrose* and *Margaret* his Wife of the same City, was from her Childhood of a meek and innocent Behaviour, and as she advanced in

in Years, witnessed the Growth in the blessed Truth, often being favoured in religious Retirements with the Lord's tendering Goodness, & whereby she was strengthened in Faith to walk humbly before him. She was an affectionate and tender Friend, Companion and Wife. It pleased the Lord to visit her with a lingering Sickness about two Months before her End, in which Time she was not known to repine, but with Cheerfulness of Mind yielded to that Affliction and Weakness of Body, which increasing, and her End drawing near, she asked her Mother-in-Law if she thought her near departing; who replied, she thought she was. Then she desired to wait on the Lord; and after some time said, *I have a good and loving Husband, a good Mother-in-Law, and want for nothing, and never repented my coming into the Family; we have what the World can afford, but now the Lord is more to me than all:* And said, *I have had many good Times alone, when no Eye saw me; and soon after said, Oh! Thou great Preserver of Men, thou hast comforted my Soul when alone, and preserved me from Evil, and now I feel thy good Presence near me:* Then fervently prayed to
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the Lord not to forsake her in the needful Time, saying, *Oh! Thou holy One, be near me still.* She remembered her dear Love to Friends, and those who might enquire after her, and calling for her Brothers, tenderly advised them to fear God, and to be dutiful to their Parents, and not to grieve them. Then prayed to the Lord for her Husband, saying, *Oh! Thou great Preserver of Men, bless and preserve him I beseech thee, in all his Ways, in his goings out, and in his comings in, and in all that he doth, nor taketh him hand to do.* And desiring her Mother to keep near her to the Last, said to her, *The Comfort of the Lord is more to me than all the World, and that which grieveth me most, is to part with my dear Husband.* She continued to praise and supplicate the Lord, intreating him to be near her in the needful Time (meaning her Passage hence) and said, *She was afraid the Lord would be angry. Aif. She praised him not.* Then taking her Leave of her Relations and Friends present, as was not heard to speak much after, only once said, *Oh! Thou God of my Father; Oh! thou holy One, be near me still.* And her Speech failing from the twelfth Hour till

till half after Nine at Night, it then pleased God to put a Period to her being here, and no doubt hath taken her into his glorious Rest. She died the third Day of the second Month, 1728. And the sixth Day of of the same, her Corpse was attended by Friends and friendly Neighbours to the Meeting House, where several Testimonies were born to the Truth, and was afterwards carried to Friends Burying-Ground and decently interred. Aged twenty five Years seven Weeks and three Days.

FRANCES GRIFFITTS was born at *Baltimore*, in the County of *Cork* in *Ireland*, in the Year 1656. Came to *Conk* when she was young, where she was convinced of God's everlasting Truth about the twenty fourth Year of her Age, and as she became obedient to the Manifestations and Dictates thereof, she grew in Grace, and in the saving Knowledge of it; and about the thirty seventh Year of her Age received a Gift in the Ministry, in great humility

humility, fear and tenderness, wherein she was all along very exemplary and careful not to appear without the Motion of divine Life, and a Necessity upon her, so that what she delivered was edifying, seasonable, and satisfactory to Friends. She travelled in some Parts of *England* and *Wales* in the Service of Truth; was a Woman of great Sincerity, Plainness and Self-denial, very exemplary to her Children and Family, for whom being frequently concern'd and engaged at Heart, that the Lord would be pleased to reach unto and visit them in Mercy and Love; she was favoured to see her desire in some degree answered; she was zealously concerned for the Promotion of Truth and Righteousness, and was a Sympathizer with the Afflicted in Body or Mind; a frequent Visitor of the Sick, and industriously concerned for the Relief of the Poor. She was taken ill the fourth Day of the seventh Month, 1728, and continued so for some Days, during which she lay in a sweet composed frame of Mind, bearing her Sickness with great Patience and Relinquishment to the Will of God: Some Friends who came to see her, at their taking

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Leave, desired she might be restored to us,
 if it were the Lord's Will; she answered,
 it was time for her to look from the World,
 and that it would be safe for them who were
 younger than she, to do nothing against the
 Truth, but for the Truth, and that would
 administer Peace to them in the End. To a
 Relation and his Wife, that asked her
 how she did, she replied, weak in Body
 but not in Mind, and that she had nothing
 to do then but to die, adding, it is a brave
 thing to be Chaste, Chaste in our Love to
 God, to leave nothing to do at such a time as
 this: The same Person desired she might
 be restored to us again; she answered,
 there is little Likelihood of it, however, be
 it as the Lord will, I am ready, it is no
 Surprize to me, I have been long preparing
 for it; the Lord hath helped me to do it;
 adding, I have not much to say, being weak
 in Body, but this short Sentence I leave with
 you, Do nothing against the Truth, but
 all that you can for the Truth: And
 when the aforesaid Friends were taking
 Leave of her, she calling her by her Name,
 said, be faithful to what is manifested to
 thee, the Lord hath made known his Will
 to thee, and Oh, be faithful to it, and thou
 wilt do well. To a Friend that lived in the
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Neighbourhood, visiting her, she said, there was a short Sentence which was much in her Mind, and she had recommended it to Several, to do nothing against, but all that ye can for the Truth, the Reward of which will be great Peace in the End, and that she now witnessed, which was more to her than all the World; adding, you are a pretty Knot of Friends in this Neighbourhood, and I would have you to be Preachers; I do not mean in Words, or Apparel only, but also in Life and Conversation. To her Daughter Elizabeth Taylor, and another Friend, who were sitting by her, she said, there is a short Sentence which has lived in my Mind most part of this Night; have Salt in your selves, and be at peace one with another; with many other sweet and comfortable Expressions which are not perfectly remembered, signifying her inward Peace and Satisfaction.

She lived to a good Old Age, and was taken away like a Shock of Corn fully ripe the 10th Day of the 7th Month 1728, in the Seventy Second Year of her Age, and we are satisfied Died in the Lord, and is entered into that Rest prepared for the Righteous.

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JEREMIAH WARING, Son of *Henry Waring*, was born at *Hayly* in the Parish of *Witney*, and County of *Oxon*, in the Year 1652; who, while very young, had the Fear of God so impressed on his Heart, that he was led out of many childish Vanities and Diversions that others his Equals and Contemporaries were in the Practice of; and by a sober Conduct gave early Indications of being under the Operation of that Power which prepares for the Service of God; and as his Mind became more and more enlightened by the Light of Life, he grew dissatisfied with divers Ceremonies, Customs and Usages of the Church of *England*, into which he had been initiated: Hence he was led (while an Apprentice in *London*) to seek carefully after a People whose Doctrines were purely Apostolic, and whose Lives, like the primitive Christians, were full of Piety and good Works. And after having with a religious seeking Mind tried several other Professions without finding among them the desired Satisfaction, his unwearied and commendable Search after

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Truth at length led him to a Meeting of the People called *Quakers*, where the Testimonies delivered that Day co-operating with the Spirit of God in himself, he embraced their Doctrines with Joy and Gladness of Heart, and soon became thoroughly convinced of the blessed Truth, which broke in upon his Understanding with Demonstration and Power, and dispell'd the many Doubts, Fears and Troubles that had heretofore surrounded his Mind.

About two Years after this, as we judge, being out of his Apprenticeship, he received a Dispensation of the Gospel to preach to others, and though in the Discharge of his Duty he twice suffered Imprisonment in *London* with others of the then afflicted People of God, yet he was no Ways discouraged thereby, but, as soon as Liberty was granted him, continued visiting the Meetings there, and there-away, exhorting Friends to be faithful to the Discoveries God had made in their Souls of his Will, and to stand immoveable for his Name and Truth on Earth.

About the Year 1681, he visited the Meetings that were settled near his Native Place in *Oxfordshire*, where his Testimony

timony was well received, many having been there lately convinced in those Parts, among whom was *Mary* the Daughter of *Henry Wheeler* of *Witney*, a modest, discreet, religious young Woman, with whom he contracted an honourable Intimacy, and at length obtained her in Marriage.

They settled first at *Croydon* in *Surrey*, and not long after removed to *Ensham* in *Oxfordshire*, and at last about the 1685, to *Witney*, where the Lord was pleased, to bless them with many both temporal and spiritual Blessings, which enabled them to open their Hearts and House to entertain Friends, and contribute to the Necessities of others in Distress. And as he was often engaged Abroad in the Discharge of his Duty to God and the Churches round about, the Conduct and Diligence of his Wife in their temporal Affairs, rendered his Absence very little inconvenient to his Family and Business; inspired with the Hopes of sharing in the Reward of his Labours, she spared no Pains, and grudged nothing she could do to render the Benefit thereof as diffusive as possible; and her Endeavours (she used to think) were

bleſſed the more, the more he was given up to the Service of Truth, in which he was indeed an unwearied Labourer even when old Age and Infirmity of Body might have pleaded his Excuse.

He was a Miniſter of the *New Teſta-ment*, and diligently laboured according to the Degree of the Gift beſtowed on him; his Miniſtry was plain and inſtructive, and according to the Measure of it, tended to convince the Underſtandings of the Ignorant, and the Reformation of thoſe who obeyed not the Goſpel, and to the confirming the feeble minded, and the Refreshment of the drooping Soul.

For the weak and hindermoſt of the Flock he had a tender Regard that they might come forward; and that thoſe Meetings might be viſited to which no publick Friends did belong, rather than too many to go to one Meeting at the ſame Time, though he would often ſay, *he went not out at the Invitation of others (except to Marriages and Burials) but as he found Drawings in his own Mind*, which have at Times engaged him to travel much in this Nation, but more eſpecially in his own and adjacent Counties, and was generally

nerally well received, not only for this his Labour in the Ministry, but also for his cheerful, free and easy Behaviour in the Families where his Lot was cast.

He was a zealous Promoter of brotherly Love and Unity, and where any Difference had arisen in Families, would endeavour to reconcile the Parties by visiting and treating with them in a Manner becoming a Minister of the Gospel of Peace, whose Labour of Love in this Respect was generally well accepted, and doubtless by some to their no small Advantage.

His Company was sought after by the Sick and Distressed, to whom he had frequently a Word of Advice suitable to their State and Condition. And his Service in Meetings of Discipline was too considerable to be wholly omitted here, or easily forgotten by them who knew it. And being an Elder in the Church, he was concerned that the Flock of God might be fed, and took the Oversight thereof, not by Constraint but willingly, not for filthy Lucre, but of a ready Mind, not as a Lord over God's Heritage, but as an Ensample to the Flock.

About three Months before his Death, it pleased God to remove hence his dear and loving Wife, after they had lived together above 46 Years, of whose Virtue it may not be amiss to give the following short Account.

She was a Wife kind and faithful, frugal and industrious, but not covetous. A Mother tenderly affectionate and even handed, shining in Example; a Neighbour peaceable, obliging and beneficent, and of good Report, and it may be said of her, she was a Mother in the Church: Having brought up Children, lodged Strangers, relieved the Afflicted, and was diligent in good Works.

She departed this Life in great Peace, in Unity with Friends, and in full Assurance of an Inheritance with the Saints in Light, saying on her Death-bed, *She had done her Days Work in the Day Time.* It were easy to enlarge on their Virtues both publick and private, but to avoid Prolixity, shall hasten to make some mention of his last Illness, which seized him the 14th of the 11th Month 1729-30 (being the Morrow after his Return from visiting Stow Meeting) and continued about a Week, in which Time having some Intervals
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of Ease, he spake many sweet and heavenly Sentences to his Children, and those that came to see him, among which the following few to his Children are remembered.

Dear Children,

When your Mother and I came together, it was in the fear of God; we had but little of this World, yet we were Content, and he made that little sufficient; our Hearts were always open, and our House too, to receive Friends, and we never thought we had the Less, but on the contrary believed we were blessed the more; for we experienced that Saying verified, They who seek the Lord shall not want any good Thing. Ob! He is a good, and a gracious God; if you keep to Truth and love him, he will never leave you nor forsake you,

His Daughter speaking to him when he thought he had been alone, he said, Art thou there? I felt the Love of God so strong upon my Heart, I have been supplicating his Name, and I have freely offered up myself to his disposal, to do which way it pleases him. He can bring down to the Grave, and he can raise up again, his

Will be done. I had once a Desire, with Submission, to have visited two or three Meetings more, observing in my last Journeys how Thin the Elders every where appeared, and how Religion seemed to be at a low Ebb; yet the Principle of Truth must prevail; for the Lord has promised, He will give his Son the Heathen for his Inheritance, and the uttermost Parts of the Earth for his Possession. And though we see but little of this yet, I shall die, as several Elders have before me, in the Faith of it; Abraham saw but little of that large Promise made to him of multiplying his Seed as the Stars of Heaven, and as the Sand upon the Sea-shore.

Being asked how he did, he said, I had a comfortable Time both in Body and Mind, and have been looking back to my Youth, reviewing the narrow Way that leads to Life; remembering how our ancient Friends used but few Words, and lived in Love with one another; and as it was in the Beginning, so it must be again: But now how many are there that Love and take a Delight in Backbiting, Detraeting, and exposing the Failures of one another, and their Conversation too often turns upon Modes and

Forms

Forms of Dress, Things too mean for a true Christian Spirit.

His Children mentioning what a Loss 'twould be to part with such dear and tender Parents, he said, *we have lived to a good old Age, and the Lord has never forsaken us, and if you cleave to him, he will never depart from you.*

And you my Grand Children, I Caution you against reading profane and idle Books, but read the holy Scriptures, and regard there the precious Promises of Christ.

After having taken something, he said, *This will not do, this poor old House will not do, but I have a new House eternal in the Heavens, where is no Pain! no Sorrow! where all Tears are wiped away! no need of the Light of the Sun, nor of the Moon to shine in it; for the Glory of God and the Lamb is the Light thereof.*

Mention being made of the Lord's rewarding him for his Labour and Service in the Church, he said, *We are poor empty Creatures! we can Merit nothing, all we have we receive from him, and all we do is but our reasonable Duty; the Lord hath no need of us, for he is altogether Glorious, and Happy in himself, but we have need of him.*

Another time, when he could take no Rest, he said, Sweet Lord, ease thy Servant for his sake who loved me from my Youth upward.

Recovering out of a violent Fit of Pain, he cry'd, O Lord thy Will be done! thy Will be done! thy Will be done! thou hast been with me all my Life long! Ob, be with me now in these my dying Moments! and with my Children and Grand-Children, that so we may meet in thy Heavenly Habitation, where we shall never part more. Ob, Thou Shepherd and Keeper of Israel! that neither Slumbers nor Sleeps, into thy everlasting Arms of Mercy do I commit them with my own Soul. I sought thee in my tender Years, and thou wast found of me, and hast been with me till this very Day; thou hast cast all my Weaknesses behind thy Back, where they shall never be remembered more! and hast many Times given me a full Assurance of a resting Place with thee for ever and ever!

He departed this Life the 21st of the 11th Month 1729-30. And on the 24th of the same, his Corpse accompanied by a great many Friends from divers Parts of the County, was decently interred.

red at Friends Burying-Place in *Witney*, after a Meeting held on the Occasion, wherein the Power and Presence of the Almighty was eminently felt, to the tendering the Hearts of many, and sealing up on their Spirits that he is entered into that Rest which remaineth for the People of God, which Rest is Glorious. Aged 77, and a Minister near 50 Years,

ELLEN BEWLEY, Wife of *Daniel Bewley* of the City of *Dublin* in *Ireland*, and Daughter of *Joseph Inman* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, of the said City, being religiously inclined from her Childhood, was concerned not only in Meetings for the Worship of Almighty God, but also at other Times, to wait to feel the Incomes of that divine Power, which as it is given Way unto, cleanseth the Heart, and nourisheth up the Soul unto Life eternal. She would often repeat that Saying of our blessed Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*, *Matt. xxii. 12. Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a Wedding Garment*, shewing thereby, that being only called a Friend would avail nothing, without the

blow

the Wedding Garment, the white Linnen, the Saints Righteousness, which she was earnestly concerned for at many Times, as well as in her last Illness, wherein she expressed to this Effect, *That at Times she enjoyed so much Peace and Comfort, as she had thought Mortals could scarcely have been made Partakers of ; saying, she was easy in her Mind to die, or Live, being freely resigned to the Lord's Will.* At another Time, sitting with her Husband and Children, she said, *They were happy, that did not rest only in a Name or Form of Religion, but waited for the Power ; and often expressed her trouble for such who seemed at Ease, and satisfied barely in a Form, giving way to Sleepiness, and Unconcernedness in religious Meetings.* She several times expressed her Satisfaction in Friends Visits ; and said, *The Lord was very kind to her in her Weakness, in renewing his blessed Presence to the Comforting and Strengthening of her, and earnestly desired the Lord would enable her to bear her Affliction patiently, being willing to be dissolved, and was fully satisfied of her future Happiness, saying, Praises are due to the eternal God.* She was also earnestly concerned for her Children, desiring the Lord
would

would bless them, and that they might walk according to Truth, in Humility and Plainness; saying, *She had rather they should die, than live, except they did well;* and also desired those about her, to be careful to live so as they might be fit to die.

She departed this Life in great Peace, in *Dublin*, the 8th Day of the 6th Month 1730, and was buried in Friends Burying-Ground at *Cork-Street Dublin* the 11th Day of the said Month.

MARY BEWLEY, Daughter of *George Bewley* and *Blessing* his Wife, of the City of *Cork* in *Ireland*; She was a sober, orderly, dutiful and affectionate Child to her Parents, loving, meek, and courteous in her Behaviour, and generally beloved by all that knew her; she loved and kept to Plainness in Speech and Apparel, and rather disliked than affected Finery and vain Fashions. She was of a weakly Constitution, and seemed in a declining State of Health for some Time before her last Sickness, which she was taken with in the 6th Month 1730,

1730, but recovered again so much, that at her desire to see her Grandmother (*Blessing Fennel of Youghall*) she was carried thither the 9th Day of the 7th Month; but a few Days after, her Weakness and Disorder returned, which continued till her Death. She was often thoughtful of her latter End, and under a close Concern of Mind, with Prayers to the Lord to prepare her for it, and soon became resigned to the Will of God, and grew indifferent, and rather unwilling to take many Medicines, saying, *She thought it not well to take too many Things, or have a Dependance upon them, or Doctors.* And when at one Time she saw her Mother troubled because she did not take Things thought suitable for her, she said, *Dear Mother be not concerned for me, for if I am to live, I take enough, but I do not desire to live except to serve the Lord;* and desired *She might be endued with Patience to bear her Affliction, and Sicknes,* and was in a close Exercise, and Consideration, how she had spent her Time, and what she had said or done amiss; *and prayed to the Lord to pardon and pass by her Offences.* Also desired her Parents and near Relations, about her, to pray for

for her, saying, *I am so weak, I think I am not able to pray for my self; but added, we must do it, (i. e.) pray for our selves.*

The first Day of the 8th Month she said to her Sister *Hannah*, then about twelve Years of Age, my Dear Sister, Honour thy Father and Mother, and do not give Way to little foolish Things, for by small Things the Enemy draws away the Minds of poor Children; and my dear, mind thy dear Sisters dying Words, and do not put Things off to a dying Day, and think it is time enough. That Evening her Father came from Cork to see her, to whom she expressed her Willingness to die, but longed for a more full Assurance of the Love and Favour of God; and next Morning, he asked her how she did, she answered, *Very weak, but I feel a little more Comfort now, I hope the Lord is my Strength; and in a sensible frame of Mind called on the Lord, saying, Dear Lord forgive me my Sins, and teach me to pray; Lord have Mercy on me; my Saviour have Mercy on me; take me, dear Lord, if thou please; draw me, dear Lord, with the Cords of thy Love; with more sensible Words, but her Breath failing,* she

she desired those present might pray to the Lord to make her Passage easy.

The Doctor one Day came and asked her how she did, she said, *I am weak, but the Lord is strong, and on him alone is my Dependance*; And to one of her Relations, and Intimates (about her own Age) who came to see her, first Kissing her, She said, *dear Cousin, I have always loved thee and do so still, and I believe thou art the same to me, adding, dear Cousin we are going to part, remember thy latter End, and take Care of the World, do not mind the Things of it.* The third Day of the 8th Month she called for her Father and Mother, and told them of her Weakness of Body, and Exercise of Mind, and how busy her Souls Enemy was to put Thoughts into her Mind to disturb her; and prayed unto the Lord to strengthen her, and also express'd the Dearness of her Love and Affection unto them, for their Care over her in keeping her from sundry Things which too many run into. And also said, *She formerly seemed to rest satisfied with her Education, &c. but when she grew more in Years, and Understanding, she found that not sufficient, and then the Fear of the*
Lord

Lord, said to wise discretion, I desire what you
 desired more than the things of this World:
 And at another Time, when she desired her
 Grandmother would pray to the Lord for
 take her to himself; and spoke of the Temptations
 of the Enemy, and how strongly
 she was beset thereby; when Grandmother
 spoke encouragingly to her, bidding her
 not believe the Enemy, who often beguileth
 those who are near the Lord; the Child
 answered, I am very weak, and can do nothing
 for myself, but I trust the Lord will
 do all for me; saying, O that he might
 have been ever present to me, and I could
 still; and being filled with a sense of his
 Love, said, How sweet is the Love of God
 to my Soul; O that I could praise him
 enough for his Love and Mercy. O that the
 Love of God is so Sweet, what do I wish
 to be done. I get fully so. O that I
 might be with thee now, dear Lord, take me
 into thy Arms, dear Lord, and I will
 praise thee; Lord, said, I do not wish
 to have heard so many praising the
 Lord, for he is worthy of more praise than
 I have strength to give him. Afterwards
 finding Withdrawings of the Love of God,
 she was under a fresh Exercise on that
 Account, and prayed to the Lord to be
 I near

near her, and lift up the Light of his Counte-
 nance upon her, desiring that he removed
 where the Wicked cease from troubling,
 and the Wicked are at rest. The fourth
 Day of the 8th Month, and first Day of
 the Week (inquiring what Day it was)
 she said, She thought she could not have con-
 tinued so long, but may he please to keep the
 longer, because I have so earnestly desired
 to be gone; and therefore she desired the
 Lord to give her Patience to wait his Time
 which is the best Time. Next Day she
 visibly changed for Death, and was much
 spent, having taken little Nourishment
 for several Days; and being asked to take
 something, Oh, said she, the Love of God
 is what I desire, and prayed fervently for
 it, saying, dear Lord send Comfort; why
 wilt thou withdraw thy self from thy poor
 Creature? one Taste of thy Love before I
 go. That Afternoon she desired to take
 her last Leave of her Parents, Sister and
 Brother, and near Relations, and said, she
 thought it was better for her to do it then,
 least afterwards she should not be so fit.
 And in a very sensible and increased Man-
 ner took Leave of them, and soon af-
 ter she was taken with a Faintness, so
 that it seemed as if she was passing away,

but revived again, and that Evening the Lord was pleased graciously to satisfy her Soul with the renewed and fresh Incomes of his divine Love, in a feeling Sense whereof she broke forth, saying, O dear Lord, how sweet is thy Love and Presence, no Tongue can tell it but those that feel it; Oh! Praises to the Lord, how shall I praise him enough, and desired those present to praise the Lord for her; and said, she believed that Night she should be with her dear Saviour, and a few Hours after the Pangs of Death increased, which she bore with great Patience, frequently calling on the Lord whilst she had strength, and about the fifth Hour in the Morning quietly departed this Life the 6th Day of the eighth Month, 1730; aged fifteen Years and five Months.

ALEXANDER HOPWOOD, Son of Samuel Hopwood and Anne his Wife, born at Austle in the County of Cornwall the 14th Day of the first Month 1713; and his Parents being such as feared the Lord, having an Eye to his Honour, endeavoured to inform his

Mind of the Principles of Truth when very young, which had a good Effect upon him, for he was careful in his Conversation to avoid those Vices which too much prevail upon the Minds of many of the Youth in our Time.

In the Year 1732 he inclined to accompany his Father to *London*, and they set forward the 26th Day of the second Month for *Bristol* Yearly Meeting, and from thence to *London*; in his Journey, but more especially during his Stay in the City of *London*, the Lord was pleased to renew the Visitation of his Love to him, and gave him to experience an Increase of the Knowledge of his blessed Truth.

He got well Home with his Father the 30th Day of the 5th Month, but afterwards was much out of Health at Times, and on the first Day of the 7th Month was seized with a violent Feaver; and next Day, his Mother being by him, he said, *If the Lord is pleased to take me, I am fully satisfied I shall go well, and my Soul will be happy, and have a Place among the Righteous.* The Day before he departed, being in a heavenly Frame of Mind, which carried him above his Bo-

dily Weakness. he broke forth in Supplication unto the Lord to this Effect. O Lord, thou that preserved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the fiery Furnace, art able to preserve me unto the End: O God, what shall my Soul say? I will wrestle with thee like Jacob (if I pray all Night) however if thou wilt not make me like him, give me an Evidence of Favour with thee, whether I live or die, give me a Place within thy House. Lord if thou art pleased to spare my Life, I will obey thy Commands in any thing thou art pleased to require of me; he also said, he never was guilty of any gross Evil, and he was not not afraid to die: And being spent, he lay still in a Sweet frame of Mind; his Father, Mother, Sister, and others being in the Room, he looked earnestly on his Father, and said, hast thou any thing on thy Mind? He answered, yes Child; and kneeling down, prayed by him, and the Goodness and Love of God came over all present; and the young Man making Melody, seemed to have an Evidence of that divine Favour which his Soul had been so deeply engaged for; and soon after said, O Lord what shall my Soul say, I have not Breath to praise thee O my God,

but will do it as long as it lasts. After
 a little Pause, he said, I believe I must
 take my Leave of you; his Mother answer-
 ed, dost thou think so my Dear? He re-
 plied, yes I do, Farewel all my dear Re-
 lations, I hope we shall meet again in Hea-
 ven, give my dear Love to my dear Bre-
 ther (who lay very ill of the same Dil-
 temper in another Room) and looking
 on his Sister, said, Pray dear Sister do
 not weep, that will but trouble me; and
 then he began his last Farewel, saying,
 Farewel Father, and kissing him several
 Times, and also expressing himself with
 much Love and Affection to his Mother,
 and desired, if the Lord did not see fit to give
 him a longer Time in this World, he might
 be favoured with a quick and easy Passage:
 And the Lord of his infinite Goodness
 was pleased to grant his Request, for af-
 ter having spent the Night pretty much
 in Slumber, near his End said, call my
 dear Mother that I may take my full View
 of her; and next Morning like a Lamb,
 without Sigh or Groan, he departed this
 Life, being the 10th Day of the 7th
 Month, 1732, aged 18 Years six Months
 and 27 Days. And we doubt not is en-
 tered into that Rest prepared for the
 Righteous. His

His Body was carried to the Meeting-
house at *Mystib*, where divers Testima-
nts were born to the Truth, to the satis-
faction of those present; and from thence
accompanied by many Friends and a great
Number of the Inhabitants of the Town
to Friends Buriall-Ground, and there
interred the 15th Day of 2nd Month
Month. We had had the lighted that she had had the
Time from the World, and that she was

~~was born on the 15th Day of 2nd Month~~

SARAH MARIOTT, Daughter
of *Richard Marriott* and *Elizabeth*
his Wife, of *Mansfield* in the County of
Nottingham, was a Child religiously in-
clined, which was observed by her Be-
haviour, especially in religious Meetings,
she being of a Good Understanding in the
best Things. She was taken ill in the
Beginning of the 18th Year of her Age,
which proved a Consumption; after some-
time, she went into *Warwickshire* for
change of Air, to some Relations there,
but receiving no Benefit thereby, she
grew weaker, and finding her self declin-
ing, was very desirous to return Home,
that she might see her Brother and Sisters
before she died: her Father and Mother

being present with her, accordingly it
 pleased the Lord to give her Strength to
 accomplish that, to her and her Relations
 great Satisfaction; She came Home the
 8th of May, and the 7th Month 1732.
 The Thanks to Evening her Heart being
 opened in the Love of God to impart her
 Mind to her Sisters, (and them about her)
 she signified that she had had a Warning
 Time from the World, and that she saw
 nothing engaging in it, but the Company
 of her Relations; she also let us know
 what an exercising Time he had wit-
 nessed when at Coventry, for want of the
 Presence of the Lord, which he had with
 drawn from her a little Time; and that
 altho' she had never been guilty of any
 falling that was bad, yet she found divil-
 lish things hard enough to get over, but she
 could speak of the Goodness of the Lord
 to her; she said, he had been good to her
 many Ways; and that nothing stood in her
 Way, for which she praised his holy
 Name, in a sweet heavenly frame of Mind,
 being resigned to his Will and for con-
 tinued those few Days she was with us,
 in which Time she gave good Exhortati-
 on to her Sisters, and left some Things
 as a Charge to be remembered by them,

As that they might be careful what Company they kept, and to avoid all such as are light and airy, which draws the Mind further from God: but rather to chuse the Company of such who are religious: And also to avoid the Reading of all vain and unprofitable Books, which tend to corrupt the Minds of Youth: But charged them to read the holy Scripture, and such Books as promote Godliness: and desired they would be watchful against sleeping in religious Meetings, and she set forth the Evil of it; As also of singing of Songs, and warned them against it, and farther added, that she hoped they would remember her Words when she was gone. And speaking of the Visitation of God to her very early, she said, I heard his Call before I knew what it was. I was then about fifteen years of Age. About twelve Hours before her Death, being up in her Chair, she desired we might have a little Meeting with her; in which Time she was in a solid retired frame of Mind, much desiring she might have an easy Passage out of this Life; which was granted her to all Appearance; she all along continued very Sensible, and was not attended with those Agonies, as are usual, but lay breathing in Spirit to the Lord

Lord; and a few Hours before her Departure, she desired her Love might be remembered to all her Relations and Friends, and to all that asked of her. And that her Father and Mother might give her up to the Lord, she desiring to be resigned to the Will of him that gave her Being. She departed this Life the 12th Day of the 11th Month 1732, aged 18 Years. And left a good Report behind her.

And she set forth the Evil of it; A

Being much inclined to leave nothing in Memory of my dear Wife Margaret Ellis, who was very dear to me and my Children, I may justly say: She attained to a good old Age, and that we lived together about fifty two Years with a great deal of Satisfaction, and Altho' we waded through many Troubles of divers Kinds, yet we still found a secret Hand to support us, and we who were most conversant with her, from good Experience can say, she lived and died in true Unity and Fellowship with Friends of Truth, since she was convinced thereof, and more especially in the Afternoon of her Day, when her Candle shone brighter

brighter and brighter to the End, to our Comfort and Encouragement, as appears by the following Account.

Plymouth in the County
of Philadelphia in Pen-
sylvania the 8th Day of
the 6th Month, 1731.

Rowland Ellis,

MARGARET ELLIS, Wife of
Rowland Ellis of Pennsylvania, for
about the last ten Years of her Life
was deprived of her Eye-sight, which
she had a Sense of about a Year be-
fore; for on a certain Time, most of the
Family being gone to the Meeting, some
Uneasiness took hold of her Mind for
neglecting the Opportunity, apprehend-
ing Time might soon come upon her,
when she would not be able to attend, and
enjoy those precious Times; so the next
Meeting she went on Foot, with a will-
ing Mind, tho' some Miles distant, at the
Age of seventy five Years, continuing
very diligent: But being now deprived of
her Eye-sight, and attended with the In-
firmities of old Age, yet in this Condition
she appeared contented in Mind, tho'
she was deprived of what she much de-
sired (i. e.) the Company of Friends at
Meetings,

Meetings, yet, her Love did not decline, for whatever would fall in the Way, she would encourage her little Family (as many as were able) to go to Meetings at all Opportunities; also in the Family to sit down together, and at Times had a Word to speak amongst them of what the Lord had done for her Soul; and also often spoke to Friends, who came to visit her, of the Benefit she had received in Meetings, and that they might not easily neglect such Opportunities through the Care and Cumbers of this World, which she was sensible *choaked the Seed the good Husbandman had sown*; she was in her last Illness affected with the Visits of her Friends, saying at one Time, *With what manner of Love hath the Father loved us, surely this is that which Christ left with his Disciples as their Badge; when this is enjoyed, it unites, and brings us near to himself and one another.* She encouraged a Friend, who had a few Words in Meetings, to Faithfulness, saying, *hide not thy Talent in the Earth, because it seems to thee but small, but press on in the Way of Faith, and tho' it seems to thee as a Time of Night, the Day will break upon thee; and as thou remains Faithful, thy Talent will*

will be increased: And at that Time lovingly took Leave of them all; saying to some that wept, do not Mourn for me, for I find my Redeemer is near me and opens the Way, so that I have nothing to do but patiently undergo whatever he may be pleased to suffer; and her Spirit being raised above her bodily Weakness, she admired the Love and Goodness of God to her Soul. At another Time, a Friend coming to visit her, she signified, *That the Day before, the lowest Condition of Ruth came before her, when she came with her Mother-in-law from Moab to Bethlehem, and went into the fields to glean, and happening in the Field of Boaz, she found Favour, and was kindly received, and to make her Earnings the better, was admitted to glean among the Sheaves, the Reapers being disposed to let fall Handfuls for her, inviting her to sit at Meat with them, and by degrees she came to be the Wife of Boaz.* Which Remarks she made in great tenderness of Spirit before the Lord, in the Sense of his Goodness to them that came to hope under the Shadow of his Wing; Comparing this to her Convincement, when she came first among Friends in their religious Meetings, where, said she,

I was kindly received, and invited to sit down amongst them, and partake with them of God's Goodness, which at that Time I was but a Stranger to, yet the Lord in his Love and Care made himself known unto my Soul, and suffered me to sit down with his Harvest-men; meaning the Ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whose Company she highly valued, and prized; shewing an humble Sense of the Mercies and loving Kindness of God to her all her Life long, and now more than ever; for added she, He is gathering me to himself, where I shall rest with Kings and Princes, with God, and holy Saints, and Angels, with Jesus Christ my Saviour and holy Redeemer, being sensibly passing out of this World to live for ever. In this Time of her Sickness, which was long and tedious, she also made Observation on Joseph's Condition when in Prison; he had, said she, the Favour of the Keeper, the Care, the Love, and Goodwill of the Prisoners, but all this wrought not Joseph's Deliverance, he was to stay the Lord's Time, and so must I; for though I have the Love of my Friends, a kind Husband, loving and tender Children, that are careful of me, and all other Things needful, yet I long

long to be freed from this mortal Part which keeps the Soul as in Prison; yet am waiting the Lord's Time, which is the Best, and hope shall be Content. Some Friends from North-Wales also came to visit her, and though very weak, she rejoiced much in their Visit, saying, I little thought this Morning I should have had this Opportunity with any of you, but if otherwise, all was well, for I find nothing to stand in my Way on the other Side the Grave; and answer being made, that that was better than all the World; I know it well, said she, in this my Sickness, for had I not endeavoured to keep a Conscience void of Offence, towards God and Man, it would have been too hard a Task for me now in this my great Weakness, for I made it my Concern to look over my Days-work when Night came to lay my Head upon the Pillow, and take a view of my own Heart, least there should be any Thing the Lord had a Controversy with, that when the Midnight Cry came, I might be ready to enter into the Bride-chamber, having the Wedding-Garment; let all strive to have their accounts ready, for I can tell you without boasting, 'tis an excellent Thing to have our Lamps trimmed, that we may enter into the

the heavenly Rest; adding, Remember my
 dear Love in the Lord Jesus to all Friends
 who may enquire for me, and tell them,
 that as my Care hath been to live in his
 Fear, my hope is to die in his Favour.
 So at this Time also desiring to be released,
 she took her Leave of them, and bid them
 Farewell. Some Friends of the City of Phila-
 delphia also visiting her, rejoiced to find
 one of her Age retain her Senses so well,
 but more especially to see that greenness
 and tenderness which adorned her Coun-
 tenance. She told them, the Consideration
 of Friends in the City came fresh in her
 mind, that the Elders were mostly removed;
 and said she, you that are coming up in
 their Places, stand faithful for the Truth
 in that which is made manifest unto you;
 look not at your own Weakness, and how
 short you are of them of the first Rank
 that went before; be not discouraged in com-
 ing up in the Lord's Service; he will endue
 you with Strength and Wisdom to carry on
 his own Work to the Honour of his Name.
 Remember the Deal of Phineas when he
 executed Judgment upon the Transgressors,
 whereupon the Plague was stayed, and how
 great was his Reward; for the Lord said
 to Moses, Phineas hath turned away my
 Wrath

Wrath from Israel, so that I have not
 consumed them in mine Anger; therefore
 I will give unto him my Covenant of Peace:
 Adding, I am glad to hear a good Report
 of you, and the Lord preserve you. And on
 parting signified her great Love to faithful
 Friends. At another Time, being set with
 the Family, though very weak, she said, you
 are young and strong in the Prime of your
 Time, Judgment and Understanding; im-
 prove your Talents in your Time, that is the
 Way to be helpful to your aged Parents; as
 for me, I question whether ever I shall have
 the like Opportunity with you; it is my de-
 sire you may follow on to know, and wit-
 ness the Truth more and more; let not the
 Manna gathered Yesterday suffice you for
 To-day, so you will come to know Substance
 in your selves, and strength towards God;
 be careful of your aged Father, and help-
 ful to him in his declining Years, he is weak
 and feeble, and easily cast down too low; the
 Lord grant he may be so strong as to run
 the Race with Patience. A great Concern
 was often upon her Mind, lest too much Li-
 berty should creep into the Church, and there-
 by marr the Beauty of Zion, and cause
 her excellent Name to be a Scorn to the
 Heathen: Oh! that her Ministers may be

faithful lest they give Occasion to open the
 Eye in many that watches for more Li-
 berty, and that they may be careful in all
 Things both in Word and Deed. The Day
 she died, her Children being about her,
 it was asked if she had any thing farther
 to tell them; to which she answered, I
 have spoken to you whilst I had strength,
 and Words given me, what shall I say
 more? you have the Anointing, the Spirit
 of Truth, which will lead you into all
 Truth; Hearing her younger Daughter
 weep, she said, where is thy resigning me
 up, as thou didst this Morning; is thy
 Faith weakened so soon, get hold of him who
 in time of great Exercise hath supported
 thee, and he will be the same again: About
 an Hour before she departed, she asked
 what Time of the Night it was; it was an-
 swered, about eleven o'Clock; from twelve
 till break of Day, I usually had my bad
 Fits, said she, and by and by I shall rest
 quiet and easy with my Saviour: Some-
 thing to take was offered her, she said,
 no more of the Fruit of the Vine, no more
 for ever. So having desired their Prayers
 for her short Passage, stretched her self
 out, lifting up her Hands, committed
 her Soul to God.

MARY

MARY DOWDEN, of Wandsworth in Surry, was Daughter of Christopher Grainger and Mary his Wife, of the Liberty of Westminster, she was born about the 20th Day of the 6th Month, 1646, and had a liberal Education, and when young was much taken with the gay Fopperies of the Times, and altho' she was not guilty of gross Enormities, the Lord was pleased to reach unto her, and bring her through Judgment, in order to redeem her from the Evils of the World, and as she gave way to his workings upon her own Heart, it pleased the Almighty to favour her with further Manifestations of his Love and Light, whereby she came to see her State and Condition as it really was in the Sight of God, and as she became obedient, Love and Light increased, and she was brought to know where he Feeds his Flock, and causes them to rest at Noon-day: During the Time she was under the Work and Operation of the divine Power and Spirit of God in her own Heart, she had many outward Trou-

bles and Trials to pass through, in particular, when she was convinced of the blessed Truth, about the Year 1675, her Husband *Robert Archer* (who died about the Year 1688), shewed a very great Averſion thereto, and would often expreſs himſelf in very harſh Terms on that Occaſion, though otherwiſe a very good Husband, which made it more difficult for her to make open Profeſſion; but yet ſhe was preſerved in the Truth, and lived to the End of her Days, an Ornament to her Chriſtian Profeſſion. She was married in the Year 1697 to *John Dowden* of *Cranbrook*, in the County of *Kent*, one of her own Perſuaſion, who departed this Life in the Year 1701, from which Time ſhe continued a Widow. She was a Woman of extenſive Charity, and very ſerviceable among her Neighbours, Relations and Friends, in Affairs both Religious and Civil, according to her Ability, accounting her outward Subſtance the Lord's, and ſhe his Steward, which was ſo impreſſ'd upon her Mind, that when ſhe ſpoke of it, ſhe generally expreſſed her ſelf thus, *the Lord hath lent me*, and inſtead of ſaying I will give, ſhe would ſay, *I will hand*; and indeed it would

would far exceed the intended Account, just to hint the several Branches of her good Conduct. About the Beginning of the 6th Month 1734, inclining to make some Alterations in her Will, she sent for a Kinsman, to whom she communicated her Mind on that Head, and desired one might be drawn according to her Directions, which being done, and she taken ill, sent for him again, who came with it, and when it was executed, she expressed her Satisfaction, saying, *I wanted to settle the earthly Matters for the best, and now I am easy, I have nothing that lies as a Burthen or Load on my Mind, my Conscience is clear, I have nothing to do but to die.* At another Time she said, *I long to be with Christ, Oh! how I am straitned till this be accomplished,* adding, *Oh! how the People called Quakers run out in Dress, and are altered from what they were in Days past; Oh! this World, I am weary of it.* Often admiring the Goodness of God in his providential Care over her, both temporally and spiritually; and advised all about her, *to keep low in their Minds, and not to let in a worldly exalted Spirit.* To her Kinsman taking his Leave of her, who said the Lord bless thee,

dear Aunt; she answered, Child, he does
 bless me, he does bless me. She often de-
 sired Stillness, and to be alone; to her
 Kinsman's Wife, she said, *Child keep to
 Meetings.* At one Time, when she was
 in an Agony, she desired to die very
 quickly, but catching her Words, she pau-
 sed a little, and then said in a solemn
 Manner, *Not my Will, but thine be done;*
 and she continued in a heavenly frame of
 Mind; her Kinsman asking her, how it
 was with her, as to her inward Condition,
 after a short Pause, she answered, *Strong
 in the Lord, and steadfast in the Faith;* and
 he taking Leave of her, she said, *The Lord
 I hope will bless thee, and my last Love is to
 all, every body, all the World.* She con-
 tinued in great Pain until the 5th Day
 of the 7th Month, 1734, and about Six
 in the Evening she fell a-sleep, departing
 without Sigh or Groan, aged 85 Years
 and upwards, leaving a sweet Saviour be-
 hind her, by her holy Life and godly
 Conversation.

Her Corpse was carried from her own
 House, to Friends Meeting-house at
 Wansworth, attended by many Friends
 and Relations; and after a solid Meeting,
 wherein divers living Testimonies were
 born

born to the Truth, was interred in a solemn Manner in Friends Burying-ground there, on the 8th Day of the aforesaid Month.

PETER FEARON, of *Sheaton* in the County of *Cumberland*, was born at *Great Broughton* in the said County, in the Year 1651, and educated in the Way of the Church of *England*; about the 14th Year of his Age, he was bound Apprentice to our worthy Friend *John Banks*, and in the Time of his Apprenticeship he received the blessed Truth; and as he grew in the Life and Power thereof, it became his Concern to bear a publick Testimony to the Virtue and Excellency of it; and as he grew in the Ministry, his Heart was enlarged, and he travelled in the Service of the Gospel in most Parts of this Nation, and visited Friends in *Scotland* and *Ireland* several Times: And also in Company with our worthy Friend *James Dickenson*, visited Friends in *Holland*, and divers Parts of *Germany*, in which Places he had good Service, being skillful in di-

viding the Word aright, sharp against the Hypocrites and Rebellious, yet tender to the Mourners and Disconsolate; he was an able Minister, sound in Doctrine, convincing to Gainstayers, confirming and edifying to the Churches; very serviceable in Meetings for Discipline, and zealously concerned for promoting good Order therein, being particularly gifted for that excellent Work: He was a diligent Attender of Meetings for the Worship of God, and also those for Discipline in his own Meeting at Home, and of good Service, tho' sharp against opposite Spirits that withstood the Truth; he was a patient Sufferer, and bore a faithful Testimony against the Payment of Tithes, and true to the other Branches of our Christian Testimony; Free and open hearted to entertain Friends that travelled for the Service of the Gospel; a kind and loving Husband, his godly Conversation adorned his Ministry: He was tender and loving to those that were young, in whom he perceived a Concern for the Promotion of Truth, that it may be justly said of him, he was not only a faithful Elder in our *Israel*, but also a tender Father in the Church of Christ.

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In the latter Part of his Time he grew infirm, and weak in Body, yet of sound Mind and Memory to the last: And a little before his Departure, he said, *he was glad he had got so far through the World unspotted, and that he had fought a good Fight and kept the Faith, and that there was a Crown laid up for him.* Thus this good Man had cause to rejoice when he was near to leave this World; he finished his Course and Testimony the 14th Day of the 11th Month, 1734, and on the 17th Day of the said Month his Body was accompanied by a great Number of Friends and sober Neighbours to Friends Burying-Ground in *Cockermouth* in the said County, and there decently interred, where divers living Testimonies were born to the Truth; and altho' it is the Churches great Loss of so serviceable a Member, we make no doubt, but he is entered into that glorious Rest and Kingdom which is prepared for all them that faithfully serve the Lord in their Generation: He was aged 83 Years, and a Minister about 56 Years.

*A short Testimony concerning our
ancient and worthy Friend
Jane Fearon.*

JANE FEARON, Wife of the afore-
said *Peter Fearon*, was born of religious
Parents (who lived and died in the Truth)
whose Care was to educate her in the Way
thereof. She was favoured with the Love
of God in her young Years, and came
under the Baptism of his holy Spirit, by
which she was made a Member of the
true Church; afterwards she came to
witness the more large and powerful Ef-
fusions of the divine Grace or holy Spi-
rit of God, in order to proclaim the ever-
lasting Gospel; thus gifted and prepared
for the Ministry, she was sent forth, and
made to run to and fro in the Earth to dis-
charge that Trust which God had commit-
ted to her; she was moved and engaged in
Mind to go and visit the *Isle of Man*,
(along with a Friend) where they both
suffered Imprisonment for the Testimo-
ny's sake. After which she travelled
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into *Scotland*, and visited Friends in that Nation; and shortly after was engaged to travel into *Wales*, and from thence through many Counties in the *West* of *England*; in all which Travels she was wonderfully born up, and fitted for the Service she was called unto: Soon after she returned from these Travels, she was married to our dear and worthy Friend *Peter Fearon*. She still retained her Integrity, and was zealous for the Truth, and the Cause thereof, often bearing a living, and powerful Testimony, declaring the Universality of God's Love unto all the Children of Men, directing them unto that inward Means, the Promise of God unto all succeeding Ages, by the Mediation and Merits of *Jesus Christ* our Lord and Saviour, (*viz.*) the Spirit of Truth, which is to lead us into all Truth, or as the Apostle expresseth it, *Christ in you the Hope of Glory*. After this she travelled into *Ireland* and *Scotland* several Times, and met with a great many Besetments and Difficulties in her Pilgrimage through this Life, too tedious here to mention: Through all which Travels and Services in the Truth, she was preserved in a clean pure and exemplary

amplary Conduct; so that we may truly say, her Conversation adorned her Profession. She was always very diligent in attending Meetings, even when by the Infirmities of Age it could not be expected; she was endowed with a Capacity beyond many, ready in discerning, of a mature Judgment, and might truly be esteemed a Mother in *Israel*: A loving Wife, an affectionate Mother, a kind Neighbour, and ready to do good to all. Altho' it be our Loss to part with so valuable a Friend, we are fully satisfy'd it is her everlasting Gain, being gone beyond the reach of all Disturbance, where the wicked cease from troubling, where all Sorrows and Tears are wiped away, and the Soul received into eternal Tranquillity, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost.

She calmly departed this Life the 18th Day of the 9th Month, 1737, in the Eighty second Year of her Age, having been near fifty Years a Minister; and was buried the 21st Day of the same Month in Friends Burying-ground at *Cockermouth* in *Cumberland*, being attended to her Grave by many Friends and others.

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NO NE of the Dying Sayings of the
 aforesaid worthy l'ancient Friend
 being come to my Hand, that the Me-
 mory of so worthy a Woman, and faith-
 ful Servant and Minister of Christ, might
 be revived and perpetuated to Genera-
 tions to come, on deliberate Considera-
 tion, I concluded the foregoing brief Te-
 stimony concerning her well deserved a
 Place in this Collection, for during the
 Long and Intimate Acquaintance I had
 with her, I received great Benefit and Ad-
 vantage both by her Ministry and godly
 Conversation, which were truly informing
 and edifying to me, whensoever it hap-
 pened that I was favoured with her Com-
 pany, and it may be truly said, she was
 not only a living Minister in the Church of
 Christ, but a Nursing Mother where she
 saw any of the Youth under the Work
 of the divine Power, and preparing Hand
 of the Almighty, in order to the Making
 them fit Vessels for his Use; for which
 Service, she was particularly gifted and
 qualified, and made an Instrument of
 Help and great Good to many: In Con-
 firmation whereof, and which induced
 me the more to publish it, That by the
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Ordering and Wisdom of Providence, she was at the first Meeting of Friends which it was my Lot (more by accident than design) to drop into, and was the first Minister I ever heard who preached on Life and Salvation, and perfect Redemption out of the State of the Fall by Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Sufficiency of that divine Principle that comes by him to effect this great and necessary Work, and bore Testimony to the Light of Christ in the Heart, the immediate Means whereby all Things reproveable are made manifest: Which Doctrine was suitably adapted to my Condition at that Time, I having before received and believed in that inward and divine Principle she bore Testimony to, and known something of the Work of it in my own Heart, but till that Time, in all my searchings among Professors of divers Names, I never met with any who held it to be sufficient to save from all Sin, whilst we are clothed with these mortal Bodies, for I having never had any Conversation on religious Subjects with any Friend, nor read any of their Writings, was wholly ignorant of their Principles: I ever after highly esteemed and valued her as a Messenger of glad Tidings

Tidings, and as one who bore Testimony to the Means by which the Captives might be set at Liberty, and be rendered capable of answering the End of their Creation, viz. to glorify that God who made them, and threw forth his Praise, whose Service she faithfully answered during her long Pilgrimage and Course thro' this World.

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SARAH STEPHENSON Daughter of *Daniel Stephenson* and *Hannah* his Wife, of *Kendal* in the County of *Westmoreland*, was a Child of a tender and weak Constitution, many Times out of Health, yet when any way better, of a bright and cheerful Countenance. During the whole Time of her Illness, she had a great thought of a future State, and was often heard to pray to the Lord with great fervency of Spirit, in so much that several Times those about her were affected with a Sense of divine Goodness; she would often be speaking of her going to her Brother *John*, who died in his Infancy some Years before, and that she would

would go to him, and much rather chose to die than live, which she several times with great earnestness signified. Her Mother one Time asked her, what was the Reason that she seemed so desirous to die, telling her, she had many Privileges more than many poor Children; she replied in a solid weighty Manner, *If I die now I shall go to Heaven, but if I live longer I know not how it may be with me.* At another Time when she saw her Father under some trouble, she said, *dear Father do not grieve for me, for I shall be Happy;* another Time when she perceived her Mother weeping, she said, *don't grudge my Happiness, for I shall go to Heaven.* The Day before she died, her Father asked her if she knew him, she replied, *yes, she was like to know her dear Father;* and perceiving him under some trouble, she said, *the Lord comfort thee.* Then her Nurse enquiring what she would have, she replied with a pleasing Smile, *its no matter for any natural Food.* At another Time a young Man came to visit her, and asked her how she did; after some Silence, she returned this Answer, *I am praying that I may be prepared for that holy Place, into which no unholy Thing must enter;* the Reason

son hearing those Words, and considering the Frame of her Mind, it did so affect him, that it occasioned many Tears. A sober Neighbour (a Priest's Wife) who several Times came to see her, and heard some of her Expressions, turning to her Mother said, you have great Reason to be content to hear what a happy Condition your Child is in; the Neighbour further added, I never heard the like in all my Life. Much more of the same Nature the Child spoke, but they neglecting to write it down, it cannot be so perfectly remembred. This is writ with earnest Desires, that those who are young in Years may rightly consider how short and uncertain their Time may be here, so that through divine Assistance timely Preparation may be made, that at the Conclusion of Time, we may have Admittance into the heavenly Kingdom, into which no unclean Thing must enter, and of which we believe this young Plant had full Assurance. She departed this Life the 18th Day of the 7th Month, 1736, aged 13 Years and three Months.

MARGARET STONES, Wife
of *John Stones* of the City of *York*,
Daughter of *George Pain* and *Elizabeth*
his Wife, was born at *Littleport* in the Isle
of *Elye* and County of *Cambridge*, and
had the Privilege of a religious Educa-
tion, her Mother being careful (as she
her self declared) to instruct her Children
early to live in the Fear and Love of God,
who was graciously pleased to visit her
and overcome her Heart, and to draw her
to love him again, when about ten Years
of Age, for which she was humbly thank-
ful to the End of her Days; and as thro'
the gradual Work of his Grace and Visi-
tation of his Love she became obedient,
she was prepared for Service, for about
the nineteenth Year of her Age she was
called into the Work of the Ministry, in
which she laboured faithfully, as she de-
clared a little before her Death, saying,
that *she had been careful in serving the Lord*
in her known Duty, and had done what she
could, and had such Peace as gave her Rea-
son to think it was acceptable; and further
said, that she might not fall short in that
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Point, whilst she was young and able, she industriously worked with her Hands to provide her self with Necessaries, as much as might be; in both which respects, she expressed her great Satisfaction when near her End.

During the Time of her last Illness, she was divers Times drawn forth in a very lively Manner to acknowledge the Lord's great Love and Favour to her, at one Time expressing her self in Prayer to this Effect, O Lord, thou hast been with me through many Trials, and the various Exercises I have met with in this Life, thou hast been my Support, thou was also with me when on the great Ocean, and comforted me, and those that were with me there, at that Time; thou mighty God of Jacob, I thankfully remember thy Kindness, thy fatherly Care and tender Dealings; Oh! be pleased in thy Mercy to draw the Hearts of many after thee, reach to the Youth amongst us, the rising Generation, that they may become thine; with much more to that Purpose, her Heart being enlarged in the Love of God; she thankfully acknowledged his abundant Mercy, and that she was then a Witness of his ancient Power, and that his holy Arm was then

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her Support, which had been invisibly underneath to bear her up through the many Besetments, Straits and Difficulties of her Life ; frequently and earnestly begging, *that the Lord would be pleased to bear her up still until she had finished her Course, which she was sensible was near at Hand.*

Whilst under her great Affliction of Body, which continued about 13 Weeks, she was under an earnest Care and Concern of Mind for the Youth • among Friends in a particular Manner, and she besought the Lord on their Account, and desired help for all in general, that they might be brought home to him, fervently recommending, *that Impressions of Love and Virtue might be endeavoured early to be made by those who have the Education of the Youth, saying, early Impressions lasted long, and were not easily raced out ;* and expressed her Sorrow for those Children who in their Minority were corrupted by such as should instruct them in that great Christian Duty of Love ; saying, *it was a pity that their tender Age should be imposed upon by those who should teach them both Love to God and Man, and she feared the Load of such would be too heavy for them, but desired their Hearts might*

be changed and turned unto God before it was too late, and that both young and old might learn of Christ the pure Fountain of Love, in which she had been careful to walk.

Her Affliction and great Pain being heavy upon her, made the Time seem long and tedious, yet she often acknowledged the abundant Mercy and Kindness of God, who had preserved her in the Time of Temptation, and delivered her from the Jaws of Death, and kept her alive to sound forth his Praise near the finishing of her Life; and said, she had nothing to do but to die.

The first Day of the first Month, 1739, she laid down her Head in Peace, and is now at rest from her Labours: Aged about 52 Years, and a Minister about 33 Years: And her Body was buried in Friends Burying-ground in York the 4th Day of the same Month.

HANNAH HILL, Daughter of Richard Hill and Hannab his Wife, of Philadelphia in Pensilvania, was a Child of a very sober and courteous Behaviour, a Pattern of Piety, Plainness

and Obedience to Parents, and of a womanly and obliging Temper unto all, religiously inclined when very young; and diligent in reading of the holy Scriptures, as appears by the following Testimonies given concerning her. On the 23d Day of the 5th Month 1714, being the 6th Day of the Week, she was seized with a violent Fever and Flux, which so increased upon her, that the third Day following, both her self and others present expected she would then have departed, but the Lord was pleased to continue her a little longer to testify of his Goodness for the Encouragement of the Living, for at this Time she was in a deep travail of Spirit about her future State, and divers times would say, *Am I prepared? am I prepared? Oh! that I might lie the Death of the Righteous, and be numbered with them at the Right Hand! Oh Almighty God! prepare me for thy Kingdom of Glory.* And she earnestly intreated those about her to help with their Prayers that her Passage might be made easy; a Friend present being moved thereto, kneeled down and prayed; during which Time (notwithstanding her extreme Pain) she lay still with great Attention, lifting up Hands and

and Eyes: A little after she said, Father I shall die, and am now very willing. After some time she said, O most glorious God, now give me Patience I beseech thee, with humility to bear what it shall please thee to lay upon thy poor afflicted Hand-maid. After this she intirely made Death her Choice, and would often say, I had rather die and go to God, than continue in this World of trouble, adding, when will the Messenger come? Oh! hasten thy Messenger! Then turning to her Father she said, Oh! that I could launch away like a Boat that sails! so I would go to my dear Brother who is gone to Heaven before me. Desiring those present not to grieve, saying, I am but going to a better Place. Doctor Owen coming to visit her, she prayed him to sit down by her, and said, All the Town knows thou art a good Doctor, but I knew from the Beginning that I should die, and that all your Endeavours would signify nothing; and added, the Lord hath hitherto given me Patience, and I still pray to him for more, that I may be enabled to hold out to the End, for my Extremity of Body is very great: And she earnestly requested of her Parents to give her up freely to the Will of God, saying, it would be

better both for them and her so to do. And when she thought she had prevailed, she said, now I am easy in Mind. And when some seemed to encourage her with hopes of Recovery, she said, why is there so much to do about me, who am but poor Dust and Ashes, we are all but as Clay, and must die; I am going now, another next Day, and so one after another the whole World passes away. One taking Leave of her said, I intend to see you again Tomorrow; she replied, thou mayst see me, but I shall scarcely see thee any more, though I'll not be positive, God's Will be done. She would divers Times say to her dear Mother, art thou sorry I am going, and to others about her, Why are ye troubled and weep, seeing I am but going to a better Place; adding, Oh! that the Messenger would come, that my Glass was run. At another Time she said, O my dear Mother, I fear the Lord is displeased with me; One answered, dear Child, why shouldst thou entertain such Thoughts? Because, said she, I am continued thus long to endure this extremity of Body, which none knows but my self, nor can any think how great my Pains are; but it pleased the Lord to remove her Doubt, for afterwards she said to her Father,

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ther, I think the Lord has shewed me, I do not bear all this for my self only, glory to his infinite Name, there is nothing can be compared to him. And when the First Day of the Week came, she asked if her Mother intended to go to the Meeting? Who answered, no, she could not leave her dear Child in that Condition; then said she, let my Cousins go, for it may be the Lord will be displeased if all the Family stay at Home, adding, not to look upon one another but to wait upon God. She would repeatedly say she was freely resigned and willing to submit to the Will of God, whether in Life or Death, and was frequent in Prayer to the Almighty, still humbly beseeching the Lord to grant her Patience, and divers Times put up her Supplications to him for living Water, and that it might spring up in her unto eternal Life. Not long before her Departure, she said, Father, the Lord hath assured me I shall be happy; it was answered, that is comfortable indeed, ay, replied she, this is matter of Joy and Rejoicing can my Soul say by living Experience. When she took her Leave of her dear and only Sister, and her Cousin Lloyd Zachary, whom she dearly loved, she expressed herself thus:

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Dear Sister, my Desires are that thou mayst
 fear God, be dutiful to thy Parents, love
 Truth, keep to Meetings, and be an Exam-
 ple of Plainness: Dear Cousin, be a good
 Boy, observe thy Uncle and Aunt's Advice,
 and the Lord will bless thee, and they will
 regard thee as their own and do for thee.
 During the Time of her Illness, she of-
 ten spoke of her Funeral, and desired
 that Friends and others might be invited,
 mentioning divers by Name that were
 Non-residents, and some Strangers who
 were lately come into the Country, lest they
 should be forgot; so she recommended
 her Spirit to God, saying, *Glory, Glory, Glo-
 ry*; and as with the Sound of an Hymn,
 this innocent Maid closed her Eyes, and
 expired as one falling into a sweet Sleep,
 without Sigh or Groan; she departed
 this Life the second Day of the sixth
 Month, 1714, aged eleven Years and
 about three Months.

Dear

*An Abridgment of Thomas
Chalkley's Testimony concern-
ing Hannah Hill, Junior.*

TH E R E is something on my Mind
to write in Memory of that dear
innocent Soul *Hannah Hill, junior*, who
departed this Life in the twelfth Year
of her Age in Peace with God, and in
great Love and Unity with his People,
and in much Assurance of her own eter-
nal Happiness.

I was well acquainted with this tender
young Maiden for several Years before
she died, and I took good Notice of her
Conversation, which was bright and shinc-
ing in that which is commendable in
Youth; Oh! saith my Soul, that the
Youth of our Age, and this City, might
follow her Example; she was a Pattern of
Piety, Plainness and Obedience to
Parents, and of a womanly and obliging
Temper unto all.

It was my Lot to be for some Months
a Co-habiter in the Family, and I obser-
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ved that she was always very dutiful to her Parents, loving to her Friends and Neighbours, and kind to the Servants both White and Black. I also observed, that many Times when other Children were at Play in the Streets, she would be either at her Book or Needle, at both which she was dextrous, and it rather seemed a Delight to her than a Burden. She had an extraordinary Talent in reading the holy Scriptures, and other good Books, in which she took much delight; may the Minds of young People be stirred up by her Example to put the same in practice is my hearty desire.

This Testimony I have to give concerning her, that she lived and died beloved; and the Loss of her lamented by those who knew her; one great Virtue I may not omit mentioning, which would be very becoming in Christians of riper Years, viz. she would often Sympathize with those who were in Affliction, or under Exercise, of which I was a Witness, which greatly affected my Heart to consider, that her Years were so green and her Soul so ripe; may all who cast their Eyes on these Lines, say with the Man of God of

old, Oh! that I had Wings like a Dove,
for then would I fly away and be at rest.
Psal. lv. 6.

*An Abridgment of Griffith
Owen's Testimony concerning
Hannah Hill.*

THE Lord hath been pleased in his
great Love to give a Gift or Mani-
festation of his holy Spirit to the Sons
and Daughters of Men, to shew unto
them the Way to eternal Happiness, and
to help them to walk in it. And altho' it
is universally extended, yet those who
give up their Hearts to obey and fol-
low the Manifestations and Requirings
thereof, do only find Favour with God,
and are good Examples to Mankind in
their Generation, Patterns of Righteous-
ness, Meekness, Humility, Self-denial,
Patience, Temperance, Godliness, Bro-
therly-Kindness, and Charity, which are
Fruits of the holy Spirit, which have evi-
dently appeared in some of our Age when
young in Years, amongst whom may be
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recorded *Hannah Hill*, Daughter of *Richard Hill* and *Hannah* his Wife, of *Philadelphia* in *Pensilvania*; considering how she spent that short Time the Lord was pleased to give her in this World; her meek and godly Behaviour from a Child, her Dutifulness to her Parents, her Love and Good Will to all, but especially to those who walked in Obedience to the Truth. I knew her from a Child, and I never beheld any airy, light, indecent Behaviour or Expressions from her, but her Conversation was adorned with much Gravity, Modesty, Meekness and Plainness: I was several times with her when on her Death-bed, and was much tendered and comforted in a Sense of the Love and Power of God that attended her, in which Time she uttered many wise and heavenly Expressions, beyond what could be expected from one of her Age; I was made to say it is the Lord's Doings, and it is marvelous in my Eyes; but what can be written can add nothing to the State and Condition of the Deceased, whom the Lord (I believe) hath taken to himself to rest in the Mansions of Glory for ever and ever. It is for the Sake of the Living I write this, and especially

especially with a Regard towards our young People, for whom my secret Cries and Prayers are often put up to the Lord, that he would be pleased to work upon their Hearts (as he did upon the Heart of this Maiden) a Willingness to forsake the Vanities, Follies, Pride, high Mindedness, and the many Evils which are in the World, and that they might be brought to live godly Lives, and by an innocent and Righteous Conversation, the Work of Regeneration might clearly appear in all their Actions and Behaviour, that those who conversed with them, and beheld their good Works (coupled with the Fear of God) might have cause to acknowledge they are the Seed whom the Lord hath blessed.

ISABELLA GERARD, Daughter of Robert Gerard, and Anne his Wife, of Rotterdam in Holland, was a young Woman of excellent Parts, modest and sober, beyond many of her Years; she was religiously inclined from a Child, and took great Delight in reading the holy Scriptures, and other Books on religious Subjects,

Subjects, and was obedient and affectionate to her Parents, who had carefully instructed her in the Way of Truth, as professed by the People called *Quakers*. She laboured under a Consumption and Asthma for some Years, which Affliction she bore with great Courage and Patience; but her Distemper increasing very much some Months before her Death, she would often say to her Mother, *Dear Mother, if it were not for thee, I should be content to leave this World, but thou wouldst miss me much.* She kept her Chamber about two Weeks before her End, in which Time she was very sweet in her Spirit; the Day before her Departure she said to her Mother, *Dear Mother, let nothing keep thee away from me;* having, as she told her Mother afterwards, a Sense that her End was near. About two Hours before she departed, the Servants who were with her, perceiving some Change, called her Father and Mother, they being gone to Rest; when they came to her, she said, *Dear Father and Mother, I am a Dying, and if you had been with me, I believe I should have died this Night, but I could not go without seeing you.* They being much affected, she said,

said, do not grieve nor weep, ye do not see me weep; I am well content to go, give me up, I shall be well. She spoke several things to her Father and Mother in particular, with great Presence of Mind, and of her Brothers and Sister, (they being all from Home at that time) and desired her dear Love might be remembered to them, and that they would fear the Lord; and added, I hope ye will have Comfort of them that are left. Her Mother asked her, if she would have any of her Relations sent for; she answered, No, I have thee and my Father and that is enough, and when I wanted you, I had the Company of my sweet Saviour; dear Mother, I cannot tell thee the Sweetness I have had upon my Spirit in this time of my last Illness, and some time before, the Lord hath been with me in all my Weakness, which hath been a great Favour; he hath preserved me from Evil when the Enemy would have drawn me into Despair and murmuring, because of the greatness of my Oppression and Weakness; and in this last Illness I have not so much as had the least Doubt on my Mind of my future well-being, is not that a great Mercy! I have laboured for Content, and now I have got it, is not that a Favour!

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Dear Mother, although I love thee dearly, and could have been contented to have lived a few Years longer with you, because I know you will grieve for me, but I am content. Her Mother asked her, if she had any thing to say to some of her Relations; she answered, I fear there is little to be done with them, but remember my dear Love to them, and I would have them remember that they do not know how soon it may be their Lot to be in the same Condition as I am in. And speaking of a Kinswoman that she thought too light and airy, she said, what hard Work will she find when she comes to be as I am; after that, she was a little still, desiring to lie in her Mother's Arms, but finding her Oppression to increase, she said to her Mother, pray unto the Lord that he would please to give me an easy Passage; her Mother answered, dear Child, I have desired it, and I believe thou wilt have an easy Passage; then she prayed with a loud Voice unto the Lord, that he would bless her Father and Mother, and comfort them in their great Affliction, and in all their Afflictions, and bless them in all their Undertakings; and also for her Brothers and Sister; and then said, farewel my dear Father, farewel my dear Mother, farewel;

farewel; now I am going, speak no more to me. And so lying down on the Bed, she sweetly departed this Life without either Sigh or Groan, encountring the very Agonies of Death with uncommon Courage and Chearfulness of Mind, and we are perswaded that she is entered into the Joy of her Lord, having run a short Race, but a painful Pilgrimage. She died the 25th Day of the eighth Month 1727, Aged near Twenty two Years.

Her Corpse was accompanied by her Relations and Friends to the Ground where Friends usually bury in *Rotterdam*, and decently interred the 28th Day of the same Month.

WILLIAM BLUNDON was born in the Parish of *Kingscleer* in the County of *Southampton* in the Year 1655, and educated in the Way of the Church of *England*; and until about the Twenty Eighth Year of his Age he lived according to the Course of this World, in the reigning Vanities and sinful Diversions of the Times, having little Regard to Religion, till about that time, being visited with a Lingular Illness,

which brought him low, he began to consider how he should account for his mispent Time; where-upon he in some Measure reformed and left the established Church, and joined with those high Professors the *Presbyterians*, but did not find that Satisfaction he was in the Pursuit of, the Cowardliness of their Pastor, who for fear of Persecution, left his Flock; and the lifeless Profession of his Hearers, discovered to him the Foundation they were upon; yet he remained in hopes to find something more certain and substantial, and having heard of the People called *Quakers*, he inclined to go to one of their Meetings, to see if he could find what his Soul longed for; and accordingly he went to a Meeting in a right Disposition of Mind, in great Humility, earnestly desiring of the Lord, that if they were a People who did in Truth enjoy the sweet Influence of his Love and Life, that he might then be made a Partaker with them; and his Cries were answered, for in that Meeting he was made sensible of the Presence of the living God, and found his Heart livingly touched and broken in a Sense of the Goodness of the Lord, *And Oh!* as he hath been heard to say, *let me never forget*

forget that Day; let me never forget the Bowings down of my Soul at that Time; and we have good reason to believe he never did forget it, for from that Time forward he came constantly to Friends Meetings, and by a circumspect Conduct approved himself a religious, solid and good Man, and as he said, through many Trials within and without, he at length arrived to solid Peace of Mind.

About the Year 1710 he found it his Duty sometimes to bear Testimony to the Truth in our publick Meetings, and being faithful therein, the Lord, who often chuseth the mean Things of this World, enlarged his Gift, and made him an acceptable Preacher of glad Tidings to many. In his Ministry he was very plain, severe against Pride, Licentiousness, and every evil Way, but tender towards those in whom were good Inclinations, wherever he found them; and as Paul advised Timothy to rebuke *those that sinned before all, that others might beware*, so this good Man did without Respect of Persons, being neither to be awed by Fear, nor biased by Favour; it seemed to be the Delight of his Soul to deliver the whole Counsel of God as re-

vealed to him, that he might be clear of the Blood of all Men; and tho' some might be ready to account him their Enemy for his plain Dealing, yet he thought it his Duty to warn them, whether they would hear or forbear; but to the living among us, he was witnessed to be a Son of Consolation indeed, and a Waterer of the Vineyard of God: This was his Life and Delight, to enjoy the Life of God in his own Soul, and to recommend it to others; and as he had felt the Virtue of it, he was therefore a zealous and faithful Witness to it; this was what he laboured to settle all upon, that they might come to feel Christ by the Power of his Spirit in their own Hearts, which might redeem them from all Iniquity, and purify them to himself a peculiar People zealous of good Works; and the Word of Life hath often been witnessed to flow through him to the Consolation and Comfort of the Church.

He continued fresh, green and living to the very Last, and as he often said, *the Guide of his younger Years was the Staff of his Age*; and in the Time of his Weakness advised Friends that came to see him, to keep to the Truth and to hold

hold it in the Power of it, that they might know it to keep them clean from the Evils of the World, and from the World's Ways, Fashions and Spirit.

Some Weeks before his Death, a Friend of the Ministry going to visit him, found him in a sweet Frame of Mind, and he expressed his desire of Death, rather than Life; if it were the will of God, and said, *I have done all that such a poor old Man as I can do, I find nothing, but I am clear of all; I have often spread my Case before the Lord with earnest Breathings to him, that he would be pleased to shew me if any Thing stood in my Way, if any Thing in me was contrary to his Will, and I find there is nothing laid to my Charge, the great God speaks Peace to me, and his pure Life is with me.* Then applying himself to the Friend, he said, *Dear Friend, take Care of the Friendship and Love of this World to which thou art much exposed, and in thy Ministry to others, O! be careful and watchful, get down low, and abide low, take Care of selfish Thoughts, and of selfish Wisdom, and open not thy Mouth till the pure Life is witnessed to arise in thee, and then thou wilt answer and reach to the Life in others, and wilt enjoy*

Peace in thy own Mind; O! keep to the
 pure Sense of Life, and it will keep thee
 as it hath kept me all along to this Day.
 With more Words to that Purpose, his
 Mind seeming to be quite weaned from
 this World, and full of divine Joy and Com-
 fort, hoping to put off a weak and feeble
 Body and to be cloathed with Immor-
 tality, that he might no longer, as
 through a Glass, but Face to Face,
 see and enjoy him, whom he loved and
 had served, and join the glorious Com-
 pany and Church of the first born a-
 bove, and there rest with Saints and An-
 gels, and the Spirits of the Just. The
 Faith and approaching Prospect of this,
 as he said, made him contemn Death,
 yea, made him long for it, being no
 King of Terrors to him, but a welcome
 Messenger of a joyful Release, a sum-
 mons from Mortality to Immortality,
 from the Infirmities, Pains and Watch-
 fulness of this Life, to the Joys and Com-
 forts of an endless one.

He was beloved of his Neighbours for
 his just, humble, and inoffensive Life;
 and in the Church a bright Example of
 primitive Simplicity and Truth; great
 was his Love to God, and Zeal for his
 Name,

Name, labouring much in his own and neighbouring Meetings (tho' he never travelled much abroad) to bring the young Generation to a Sense of Truth, and to encourage and establish the Elders in it. He was an heavenly minded Man; for tho' he was a Sojourner here, his Mind and Meditations were much in Heaven; so that with the Apostle Paul he might well say, *I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the Life which I now live in the Flesh I live by the Faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me,* Gal. ii. 20.

He was very diligent in attending Meetings, and careful to be exemplary in going one of the first to them, and so diligently exercised in them to retire down out of Self to the Springings of Life, that Sleepiness, even in others, was a very great Burthen to him; and it is a plain Evidence of a Want of that Exercise of Spirit, and Sense of that divine Presence, in which the great Benefit of our Meetings consists: In his Living he was very abstemious, which good Observation on a weak Constitution led him to, and by which his Life was lengthned out to a great Age. He

He was, in brief, a Man much devoted to God and his Service, and who had, by living under a Sense of the Virtue and Power of the Spirit of God, gained a Conquest over the World, the Flesh and the Devil, and was renewed up in a good degree into the Image of him that created him, Col. iii. 10. and it may be said of him, that he was a just Man in his Generation, one who feared God, and eschewed Evil, whose Memory, as saith the *Wise Man*, is blessed.

His Weakness and Confinement were long, but that Part of it which seemed to usher in Death, but of few Days Continuance; he was patient and sensible to the last Hour, and exprest his Hope *that he was going*. He died with Ease as if he had fallen a-sleep, and was taken from us in a good old Age, and hath left a sweet Memorial behind him. He departed this Life the 19th Day of the first Month 1739-40, aged upwards of 84 Years, and a Minister about 29 Years, and was buried in Friends Burying-ground at *Baghurst* the 23d of the same Month.

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